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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the JLBC Community Alliance-Future Forward Learning and ART of Hustling Juvenile Crime Prevention project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is JLBC Community Alliance, Inc., located at 9104 Sauls Road, Raleigh, NC 27603. The funding would be used to support the JLBC Community Alliance's Future Forward Learning and ART of Hustling Forward Juvenile Crime Prevention Council programs.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these youth programs prevent youth violence, crime, and recidivism. The Future Forward program focuses on prevention while intervention strategies serve justice-system-involved youth. This funding will focus on building capacity in the crime prevention program that helps students re-engage in academic progress and learn life skills vital to workforce entry. The ART of Hustling Forward Juvenile Crime Prevention program is an intervention program for youth who are already involved in the juvenile justice system including diversion and probation tracks.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Deborah K. Ross
Member of Congress