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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 a Community Violence Intervention Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Raleigh Boots on The Ground, located at 6325 Falls of Neuse Road, Unit 35-230, Raleigh, NC 27609. The funding would be used for services for victims of violence, including housing and homelessness prevention and job training, along with six months of case management for victims and their families.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is part of a set of strategies and services aimed at preventing and reducing community violence. These interventions involve a collaborative effort between community members, organizations, and law enforcement to address the root causes of violence and promote community safety. Community violence intervention approaches focus on high-risk individuals or groups and aim to interrupt the cycle of violence, benefiting the entire community. These funds will be used for victims services in partnership with WakeMed Raleigh, which includes a Level One Trauma Center where many of Wake County's victims of violence are taken, and where most critical victims from Wake County receive potentially life-saving care and treatment. WakeMed was granted \$250K by the Governor's Crime Commission in accordance with the Victims of Crime Act, which was used to hire a Case Manager for the Raleigh Boots on The Ground hospital violence intervention program, which provides critical services for victims outside once they leave the hospital.

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