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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Department of Violence Prevention Enhancements (Operation Ceasefire) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Oakland, located at 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612.

The funding would be used to enhance the capacity of the City of Oakland's Department of Violence Prevention to deliver intensive life coaching and violence interruption services for individuals who are most likely to be victims or perpetrators of gun violence in the next 90 days. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because from 2012 to 2019, Oakland's implementation of this model became a national example for other cities to follow. By helping to restore the capacity and functionality of the Department of Violence Prevention, the project will directly support a reduction in violent crime and recidivism.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,

Lateefah Simon
Member of Congress