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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  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Youth Intervention in Central Ohio Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lawrence Funderburke Youth Organization (LFYO) located at 1255 North Hamilton Road Suite 135, Gahanna, Ohio, 43230. The funding would be used to serve at-risk youth and young adults between the ages of 10 and 25. The project would use a holistic approach – integrating financial literacy, exposure to career pathways, and physical wellness – to empower young people and particularly those facing economic hardship and systemic barriers.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would relieve strain on courts and law enforcement and provide structured accountability in a developmentally appropriate setting.

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,

Joyce Beatty  
Member of Congress