

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Otterbein University Co-located Mental Health and Campus Police Safety Center Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Otterbein University, located at 1 South Grove Street, Westerville, OH 43081.

The funding would be used to co-locate and integrate campus mental health and safety departments in order to strengthen relationship building, cross-training, professional development, and community outreach and engagement both on campus and in the broader community. IT will support the education and training of graduate students going into mental health fields as well as bolster counseling services and enable the development and implementation of mental health first aid training for Otterbein Campus Police, first responders in the City of Westerville, University staff, and local leaders. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve campus safety at Otterbein University by providing additional resources and training to local law enforcement and improving counseling services for students.

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,



Joyce Beatty
Member of Congress