

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 Pathways to Promise Early Intervention for Youth Success Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Columbus Literacy Council, Inc., located at 5825 Chantry Drive, Columbus, OH 43232.

The funding would be used to provide mentorship programs and after-school programming for diverting at-risk youth from the criminal justice system, responding to direct referrals from the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office – Diversion Unit. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will address youth delinquency, improve youth outcomes, and alleviate corresponding burdens on law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

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