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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

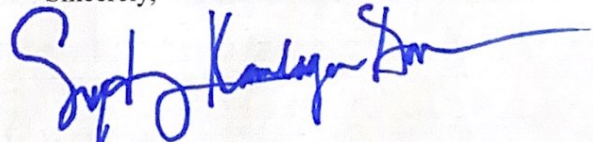
I am requesting funding for Community Healing Collaborative: Bringing Peace to South Los Angeles Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Experience Christian Ministries (ECM), located at 326 E. 47th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90011.

The \$500,000 in funding would be used to provide salaries, benefits, and trainings to staff members and to pay for expenses related to community volunteer mediators. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it assists law enforcement efforts to address gang and community violence by training faith leaders and former gang members in violence interruption. This will in turn transform neighborhood churches into safety and service hubs for communities in the 37th District, and equip them to host healing sessions for those who survived violence, both as victims and as perpetrators. This will reduce crime and assist law enforcement in keeping the community safe.

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,



Sydney Kamlager-Dove
Member of Congress