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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 Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the LA Crime-Reduction Advocacy for Transition Age Youth Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is CASA of Los Angeles, located at 201 Centre Plaza Drive, Suite 1100, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

The \$640,300.00 in funding would be used for salaries and benefits to hire three (3) youth advocates and five (5) Advocate Supervisors. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would impact Transition Age Youth (TAY, ages 12-17) and Non-minor Dependents (NMDs, ages 18-21) who are in the child welfare system and/or the juvenile justice system, all of whom are at risk of entry or reentry into the justice system. This project will improve the criminal justice system, relieve the burden on law enforcement and probation, support crime reduction, and increase officer and community safety.

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