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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 Transitional-Aged Youth Mentoring and Career Development project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Los Angeles Urban League Project, located at 4401 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite 201, Los Angeles, CA 90043.

The \$1,500,000 in funding would be used to provide 200 paid apprenticeship or credentialed trainings, leading to employment, plus mentorship programming, along with 250 youth placed in job shadowing enrichment, plus mentorship programming. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because research indicates that mentoring enhances self-confidence, academic performance, social connections, and economic prosperity, while diminishing the likelihood of drug abuse, violent behavior, depression, and delinquency. Thereby reducing crime and assisting 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