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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Crime Prevention Through Youth Development Initiative in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Police Athletic League, located at 34 1/2 E. 12th St New York, NY 10003. The Police Athletic League seeks funding to provide services aimed at crime prevention to at least 250 teenagers from the Bedford-Stuyvasant Region in partnership with the NYPD's 79th and 75th precincts. The program will help prevent and mitigate the impact of community violence, crime, childhood trauma and inadequate recreational, educational, mentorship and workforce development opportunities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will prevent crime by targeting at risk youth.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hakeem Jeffries".

HAKEEM JEFFRIES
Member of Congress