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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Reducing Violence Through Intensive Interventions with High-Risk Young People and Effective Partnerships with Law Enforcement project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Roca, Inc., located at 29 School Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

This project enables Roca to provide 150 high-risk young people with intensive interventions proven to reduce recidivism and foster long-term behavioral change. It represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds by utilizing evidence-based programming and leveraging law enforcement partnerships to enhance the safety and stability of the Springfield community.

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 that reads "Richard E. Neal".

Richard E. Neal
Member of Congress

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