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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Austin Community Violence Intervention in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Austin, located at 301 West Second Street, Second Floor, Austin, TX 78701.

This funding would be used to Austin Public Health (APH) will use the requested funds to continue our Community Violence Intervention programming to individuals who are at highest risk of being impacted by community violence in crime hotspot locations. This program uses street outreach, conflict mediation, wraparound services, and community engagement to provide much needed support and services to individuals and neighborhoods promoting equity and positively impacting the community to reduce acts of violence, enhance cohesion, and actualize peace. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because, like other cities in the United States, Austin experienced a sharp increase in homicides since the COVID-19 pandemic, with the current homicide rate far exceeding pre-pandemic numbers. These incidents of gun violence are disproportionately impacting communities who have historically experience segregation and divestment.

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. Section 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett