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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
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,  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Austin's Violence Prevention Initiative Continuation & Expansion in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Austin, located at 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

The funding would be used to expand and continue the City of Austin's innovative Community Violence Intervention Program, which complements law enforcement and other crime prevention programs to target violent crime in Austin and Travis County communities most impacted by violent crime. The program aims to reduce community violence in identified violent crime hot spots in Austin/Travis County using street outreach, case management, life coaching, conflict mediation and other wraparound services. This program is provided to individuals most at risk of engaging in community violence.

The project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because by providing community-based person-centered outreach, the program has the unique opportunity to begin working with individuals early to interrupt the cycle of violence and reduce recidivism which will in turn reduce crime and violence in the community. Programs like this one have been identified by national leaders and criminal justice experts as a best practice for bolstering traditional public safety programs in reducing violence in the communities most impacted by crime.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized 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,

Lloyd Doggett