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May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Safety and Justice Accelerator, DeKalb in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Center for Civic Innovation located at 460 Edgewood Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30312.

The funding would be used for The Center for Civic Innovation's Safety and Justice Fellowship and Accelerator program aims to build a holistic community violence intervention (CVI) ecosystem in Atlanta that is led by individuals who are directly impacted by gun violence. Violence is expensive. In 2022, there were 158 murders and 4,239 aggravated assaults in DeKalb. The violent crime rate is 644.5/100,000, which is 3 times higher than the national median and the county spends \$404 per capita on health and emergency services, almost 20% higher than the national average. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this program will create a direct impact on safety and justice for families, and moreover, it will save taxpayers millions of dollars.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, 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,



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