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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Co-Responder Program in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Newton County Sheriff's Office located at 15151 Alcovy Road, Covington GA, 30014.

The funding would be used for a co-responder program which will assist an officer on scene and be able to access that person to get them the resources and/or treatment they may need verses arresting an bringing them into the jails. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because It costs the taxpayers roughly \$65 per day, per inmate to be housed in the Newton County Detention Center. Therefore, if 51% of those inmates can be diverted that will save taxpayers over half the current rate being paid..

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

**Member of Congress**