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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for The Phoenix Essex County Community Reentry Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Phoenix Multisport, Inc d/b/a The Phoenix, located at 54 Newmarket Square, Boston, MA 02118. The funding would be used to support The Phoenix's partnership with the Essex County Sheriff's Department to expand their STAR (Supporting Transition and Reentry) Program in Lawrence, MA. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Phoenix's STAR Program works towards reducing recidivism in partnership with first responders, the courts, corrections, and the community through in-person and virtual connections to fitness and social programming for individuals involved with the criminal justice system. Working hand in glove with the Sheriff's Department, this funding will directly support a pathway for formerly incarcerated individuals in Essex County to lead successful, meaningful lives free of addiction and recidivism.

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,

Lori Trahan  
Member of Congress