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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington. DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Platform in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, located at 1401 Lakeside Drive, 12th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612. The funding would be used to implement a targeted law enforcement officer mental health solution crafted for individuals in high-stress professions, tailoring support to address the distinct challenges and requirements encountered by our dedicated officers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because in our community, as in others around the country, incidents of sworn officers and employees using alcohol to cope with post-traumatic stress and job-related trauma have become increasingly prevalent, which has significantly increased the need for peer support services. Tragically, in the last few years the Alameda County Sheriff's Office has experienced the tragic loss of staff to suicide. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is aligned with the purposes of section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress