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May 10th, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Youth Violence Prevention and Education Initiative in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the R.M. Pyles Boys Camp, located at 27211 Henry Mayo Drive, Valencia, CA 91355. The funding would be used to facilitate a prevention and education program for at-promise young males aged 12-18. The program aims to develop life skills, self-confidence, leadership skills and positive life choices in participants. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide year-round mentorship and follow-up outreach and activities to teenagers from underserved communities that suffer disproportionately from inequities in economic opportunity, community violence, and youth incarceration.

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

Mike Garcia
Member of Congress