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The Hon. Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations 2207 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 2413 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Youth Crime Prevention, Education, and Awareness Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is:

Boys and Girls Clubs of Dane County, Wisconsin 5215 Verona Road Fitchburg, WI 53713

The funds would go towards initiatives focused on guiding youth away from incarceration, improving their overall well-being, and fostering their career and educational goals. These programs will incorporate mentorship, skill-building, and education around crime prevention strategies to reduce repeat offenses, increase participation in education, and encourage positive contributions to their community. This project is an appropriate use of federal funds because it will benefit local law enforcement by keeping at-risk youth out of the criminal justice system, steering youth who have already been incarcerated away from recidivism, and prepare youth to engage more fully in education and career preparation.

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 neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,

Mark Pocan Member of Congress