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May 10, 2024

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

The Honorable Rose 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 Stopping Violence Through Employment project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Roca Baltimore, LLC, located at 880 Park Avenue Suite 200, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. The \$1,001,875 in funding will allow Roca Baltimore to expand their Transitional Employment Program, which is an evidence-based model of supported employment to prevent recidivism, and acts as a critical behavior change accelerator. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would engage 100 of Baltimore's highest-risk youth, providing young people with the skills necessary to sustain long-term employment and embark on a pathway out of violence and poverty.

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



Kweisi Mfume  
Member of Congress