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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Community Led Diversion Through Workforce and Skills Training project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is B-360 Baltimore Inc., located at 301 Light Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202. The \$1,000,000 in funding would be used to divert Baltimore City residents aged 18-34 with current and pending offenses into programming to gain soft and transferable skills in areas like welding, soldering, machine learning, mechanics, and other in demand careers. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce the number of violent offenders, improve public safety, and increase economic mobility.

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