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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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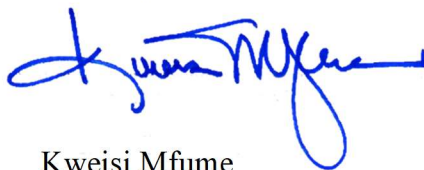
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Baltimore City Behavioral Health Violence Prevention Program project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Sheppard Pratt Health System, Inc., located at 6501 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21204. The funding would be used for expanding Sheppard Pratt's behavioral health services in Baltimore City to help reduce violence and prevent individuals from ever entering the criminal justice system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because certain psychological behaviors – such as aggression, restlessness, hyperactivity, concentration problems, and risk taking – were consistently correlated with youth violence, and addressing the root causes of these issues will create safer communities and build strong support systems for at-risk youth.

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,



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Member of Congress

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