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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 Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the First 72+ Comprehensive Reentry Program in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is First 72+ and Operation Restoration, located at 2917 Perdido St. Suite 2260, New Orleans, LA 70119. The funding would be used to expand comprehensive reentry programming in New Orleans. This project will provide reentry service for the populations serviced by the First 72+ (men impacted by the justice system) and Operation Rescue (women and girls impacted by the justice system), including access to mental health care, housing navigation, financial literacy, childcare, and workforce development. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports public safety, economic mobility, and community stability by empowering justice-impacted women to reintegrate successfully. Reentry Support reduces recidivism, lowers the burden on public services, and builds a stronger workforce through employment and education initiatives.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, 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,

Troy A. Carter, Sr. Member of Congress