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May 2, 2025

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 Safe Children Initiative Firearm Storage Program in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is United Way of Southeast Louisiana, located at 2401 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119. The funding would be used to distribute free biometric gun safes to gun owners across Southeast Louisiana service area in an effort to reduce unintentional shootings involving children. This project builds upon a successful model of gun safe distribution piloted by the City of New Orleans Health Department and partners in Orleans Parish in 2023. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will save the lives of children throughout Louisiana, where accidental death from firearm misuse is consistently a leading cause of death for children aged 1-17.

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