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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Opportunity Youth Workforce Development Collaborative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is unCommon Construction (uCC), located at 1120 Freret Street, New Orleans, LA70113. The funding would be used for divert at-risk youth from the justice system through education, mentoring, and employment. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it funds prevention, the most efficient and cost-effective tool available for reducing crim.

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).

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