

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 18, 2026

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 University and Law Enforcement Collaborative to Reduce Recidivism Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southern University at New Orleans, located at 6400 SUNO Knights Drive, New Orleans, LA 70126. The funding would be used to work with partner organizations, including Dillard University and the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office, to provide education, mental health support, and workforce development for returning citizens. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it reduces the number of individuals returning to incarceration, saving the costs of prisoner management and sustainment.

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,



Troy A. Carter, Sr.
Member of Congress