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The Honorable Kay Granger, Chair Committee on Appropriations H-307 Capitol Building Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Civilian Assisted Response & Engagement (CARE) Department in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Seattle located at 600 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104.

The funding would be used by the City of Seattle to launch the City of Seattle's CARE Department Pilot Program, supporting the increased startup costs for additional personnel, training, equipment, and other assistance to establish and grow the Department. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the CARE Department will complement the Seattle Police Department and Seattle Fire Department by providing another avenue to respond to the City's emergencies, diverting some mental health, drug abuse, and wellness-related calls to this new department.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Adam Smith

Member of Congress