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The Honorable Tom Cole, 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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Chinatown-International District Public Safety Team Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Purpose Dignity Action located at 110 Prefontaine Pl S #502, Seattle WA 98104.

This funding would be used by Purpose Dignity Action to enhance public safety in Seattle's Chinatown-International District (CID) by adapting an outreach-based public space management approach. It will deploy a public safety team daily to manage and de-escalate public disturbances and criminal activities through non-violent methods. This team will collaborate with law enforcement and local service providers to improve public safety. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it will enable the public safety team to coordinate responses with law enforcement and service providers to lower crime and improve safety in the Chinatown-International District.

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

Sincerely,



Adam Smith
Member of Congress