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The Honorable Tom Cole, Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 Capitol Building
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

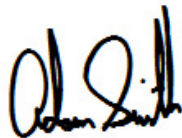
I am requesting funding for the Youth Group/Gang/Gun Violence Desistance Program (LINC): Law Enforcement Community Immersion in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Center for Children & Youth Justice, located at 300 Elliot Ave W, Seattle, WA 98119.

This funding would be used by The Center for Children & Youth Justice to implement the Leadership, Intervention, & Change (LINC) program which brings together a community-wide, multi-jurisdictional, and multidisciplinary effort to reduce youth gun violence and involvement of young people in gangs in King County, Washington. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve the coordination of services between community organizations and law enforcement to support young people to desist from community violence and group/gang activity in South King County.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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