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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

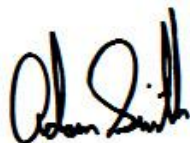
I am requesting funding for the Post-Overdose Response Team Expansion in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Seattle Fire Department located at 301 2nd Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98104.

This funding would be used by the City of Seattle to assist law enforcement in handling the dramatic rise in opioid overdoses in the Seattle and King County region. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as this has led to burnout and operational strains among emergency personnel who lack effective tools for managing the crisis beyond immediate resuscitation or hospital transfers. In response, the innovative Post-Overdose Response Team, part of the Seattle Fire Department's Mobile Integrated Health program, aims to offer immediate and follow-up care through specialized teams, using trauma-informed techniques and medications like buprenorphine to enhance treatment continuity and engagement, and reduce emergency service burdens.

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,



Adam Smith
Member of Congress