



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6502

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The Honorable Matt Cartwright, Chairman
The Honorable Robert B. Aderholt, Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Related Agencies H-310
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cartwright and Ranking Member Aderholt:

I am requesting funding for the Anne Arundel County Fresh START Program. The juvenile pre-arrest diversion Fresh START Program is designed to decriminalize behaviors while holding youth accountable, reduce racial and ethnic disparities in charging, and provide early intervention and services to youth impacted by trauma, mental health, and/or substance abuse needs. Through the program, youth are linked with services and mentors in order to get a second chance. The entity to receive funding is the Anne Arundel County Government, located at 44 Calvert Street in Annapolis Maryland, zip code 21401. The funding would be used to increase staffing and provide associated supplies and materials. The increased staffing will allow for both enhanced services for youth, as well as a larger number of youths to be served. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it reduces crime and gives young people the training and opportunity to turn their lives around.

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

With warmest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steny Hoyer", written over a horizontal line.

STENY H. HOYER
House Majority Leader