Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515 March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Ordnance Road Detention Facility Re-Entry Program in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Anne Arundel County, Maryland, located at 44 Calvert St. Annapolis, MD 21401. The funding would be used to support comprehensive re-entry coordination and post release case management services for individuals released from the Ordnance Road Detention Facility as part of the County's overall re-entry strategy. Individuals returning to their communities face a number of barriers to success, including housing, access to health care, food, education, and employment. Providing access to long-term resources and support within the community will decrease re-arrest and recidivism rates.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because more than race, the single greatest predictor of how likely someone is to end up incarcerated is poverty. By providing resources and services to returning citizens and those that are justice involved, we would be impacting their ability to gain employable skills, employment, and education that would also impact poverty status.

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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

STENY H. HOYER Member of Congress