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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Albany's Office of Violence Prevention project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Albany, located at Albany City Hall, 24 Eagle St. Room 102, Albany, New York 12207. The funding would be used for the initial establishment and operation of the City of Albany's Office of Violence Prevention (OVP), including the hiring of key staff responsible for coordinating violence prevention programs with law enforcement, public health professionals, community leaders, and service providers, managing community partnerships, analyzing public safety data, and administering grant funding to community-based organizations working on violence prevention initiatives. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investments in prevention strategies help reduce crime, strengthen community partnerships, and address the root causes of violence before incidents occur.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D. Tonko".

Paul D. Tonko
Member of Congress