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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 Bridges to Transformation Initiative project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, located at 15 Trinity Place, Albany, New York 12202. The funding would be used to hire staff for the Bridges to Transformation Initiative, who will be responsible for working with the Albany County Jail's Inmate Services Unit to screen and enroll 250 incarcerated individuals and deliver skill-building interventions that promote cognitive, economic, and behavioral transformation. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce recidivism and promote crime prevention.

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