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Grace Meng

Congress of the United States

Sixth District, New York

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-305 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for the Evidence-Based Criminal Justice Diversion Program for People with Developmental Disabilities (Queens, New York, Sixth Congressional District) project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The New York Foundling, located at 35-25 30th Ave, Astoria, NY 11103. The funding would be used in partnership with the Queens District Attorney's office to create a program that diverts eligible individuals with developmental disabilities identified by the District Attorney's office into evidence-based supervision and treatment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it reduces costly jail stays while addressing the root causes of justice involvement through treatment and supervision. This program will enhance public safety, reduce recidivism, save tax money, and improve outcomes for people with disabilities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Grace Meng".

Grace Meng
Member of Congress

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