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**Grace Meng**

**Congress of the United States**

**Sixth District, New York**

May 2, 2025

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 Right Response for NYC (Queens, New York, Sixth Congressional District) project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene located at 42-09 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Long Island City, NY 11101. The funding would be used to launch a public awareness campaign to promote the 988 suicide and crisis hotline to optimize the use of emergency services and resources while providing specialized support to individuals in crisis.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because will reduce the volume of police dispatches to non-public safety concerns, freeing up police resources to focus on public safety. By diverting appropriate mental health crisis calls to 988, resources can be allocated more efficiently, ensuring that emergency services are reserved for situations that truly require them.

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,

Grace Meng  
Member of Congress

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