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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 NYPD Queen's Explorer Program (Queens, New York, Sixth Congressional District) project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Police Department (NYPD) located at One Police Plaza, Room 1104, New York, NY 10038. This funding will support NYPD's Explorer Program, a community service, career-oriented program designed to educate young men and women, ages 14-20, about law enforcement. The program reaches out to New York City's young adults in every community to build relations between the community and NYPD.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it bolsters the existing Explorers Program in New York's Sixth Congressional District, teaching kids the importance of higher education, self-discipline, and respect for diversity and human dignity through training, involvement in community service projects, and more.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding would be 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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