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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 Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program (Queens, New York, Sixth Congressional District) project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Queens County District Attorney's (QDA) Office located at 125-01 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens, NY 11415. The funding would be used to support the QDA's Conviction Integrity Unit.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide support to QDA's Conviction Integrity Unit's important work in reinvestigating past convictions where there are credible claims of actual innocence or wrongful conviction. The goal of the Conviction Integrity Unit is to both restore justice to the innocent and restore trust between the criminal justice system and the communities we serve.

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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