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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Inland Empire Law Enforcement Training Initiative project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Autism Society Inland Empire, located at 420 N McKinley St Ste 111-118, Corona, California, 92879, in partnership with the Pomona Police Department, Ontario Police Department, Fontana Police Department, and Chino Police Department.

The funding would be used to develop and implement a comprehensive training for police officers to improve interactions with people with autism and/or other intellectual/developmental disabilities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the training will provide a new skillset for police officers, strengthen community-police relationships, foster safer interactions, and improve public safety.

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,



Norma J. Torres
Member of Congress