

# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, 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 Southland Juvenile Justice Council Violence and Truancy Prevention Program – Cook County, IL, in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cook County Southland Juvenile Justice Council, located at 336 Forest Blvd, Park Forest, IL 60466. The funding would be used to help provide a referral-based program for 35 communities aimed at reducing additional contact with the police, juvenile crime, and truancy. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will work with law enforcement, community agencies, and residents to help prevent and reduce crime.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,



Robin L. Kelly  
Member of Congress