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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Annapolis Police Department's *Annapolis Mobile Command Unit* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is Annapolis Police Department, located at 199 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401.

If awarded, this funding would be used to purchase a new Mobile Command Unit, to be used for critical incidents, weather-related emergencies, special events, and where crime is spiking to act as a base of operations. This unit would replace the current aging unit. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will allow the police department to proactively coordinate response to events and crime when and where needed.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes described in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Sarah Elfreth".

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' *Blue Catfish (Invasive Species) Mitigation* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, located at 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis, MD 2140.

If awarded, this funding would be used to perform research and data collection to better understand holistic ecosystem impacts from various methods of blue catfish harvest, and to monitor and minimize ecological and economic impacts of blue catfish on the bay. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this species preys upon native aquatic species (like the blue crab) that have a high ecological value to the Chesapeake Bay and a high economic value to the State of Maryland.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Anne Arundel County's *Joint 911 Public Safety Center Technology* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is Anne Arundel County, Maryland, located at 44 Calvert Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.

If awarded, this funding would be used to equip the Joint 911 Center with Call Handling Equipment, Computers, Network Equipment and UPS's, Radio Consoles, A/V systems, ESInet Dual Circuits and more. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve coordination and communication for both local and state law enforcement, increase officer safety on calls, provide real-time updates on law enforcement activity and needs, and enhance interoperability between law enforcement and emergency services.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes described in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County's *Rapid Rehousing & Abuser Intervention for Victims of Domestic Violence* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, located at 1517 Ritchie Highway, Suite 201, Arnold, MD 21012.

If awarded, this funding would be used to provide support to individuals (mainly women and children) fleeing from known domestic violence situations. The funding will also be used for education, job skills/readiness, and re-housing and relocation assistance. Funding will also support a 28 week court mandated program for known abusers. This is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will reduce the long-term strain and dependence on police and the criminal justice system by providing support and services to victims and rehabilitation to known abusers.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with 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.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency, Inc.'s *Reentry and Rehabilitation Initiative* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency, Inc., located at 251 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.

If awarded, this funding would be used to offer resources that address employment, family reunification, financial services, cognitive decision making skills, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, transitional housing, vocational training, peer support, and prosocial networks for justice-involved residents. This is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will reduce the long-term strain and dependence on police and the criminal justice system by offering resources in an effort to reduce recidivism. This project was previously included in the FY 2025 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with 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.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Chinese American Parent Association - Howard County's (CAPA-HC) *STEM Forward* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is CAPA-HC, located at 5305 Village Center Dr., Suite 401, Columbia, MD 21044.

If awarded, this funding would be used to expand STEM education efforts in Howard County, MD, by connecting young students to educational programming around coding, earth-sciences, robotics, and engineering. This is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will expand opportunities for science education and research for students, and expose students to some of the most important scientific infrastructure around the country, including NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Sheppard Pratt's *Workplace Violence Prevention Training Program* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is Sheppard Pratt, located at 6501 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21204.

If awarded, this funding would be used to create and deliver a comprehensive training program for behavioral healthcare professionals who face significant safety challenges, and typically encounter individuals with complex mental health needs, substance use disorders, and histories of trauma. This project is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will train these professionals in personal safety and de-escalation, lessening the strain on the criminal justice system and improving the efficacy of offered mental health programs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with 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.

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