

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4329

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member,
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Connect Parenting Program in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Houston Health Department, located at 4802 Lockwood Dr, Houston, TX 77016. The funding would be used for purchasing a survey to identify the status between non-custodial, ex-offender parents and the child(ren) with whom they are attempting to re-establish relationships. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because, as more young children have a parent involved in the criminal justice system, it is important to propose intentional, guided reunification services to avoid family conflict, unmet expectations, and unresolved trauma that can undermine familial reentry progress and contribute to reoffending.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is aligned with the purposes of 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 is anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress