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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the I.M.A.G.I.N.E. Afterschool Program in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Youth Empowerment's Finest, located at 4660 El Cajon Boulevard, Suite 205, San Diego, CA 92115. The funding would be used to serve local youth in grades 6-12 through daily group mentoring and weekly individual sessions, with a focus on steering them away from potential gang activity, which is prevalent in the region where Youth Empowerment operates. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens community ties and supports the broader goal of creating a safer, more supportive environment for local youth, ensuring a more promising future for participants and their families, reducing the likelihood of gang involvement, and supporting public safety.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized 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,

Sara Jacobs
Member of Congress