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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 JusticeForward: Empowering Justice-Impacted Students to Drive Change Initiative. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of San Diego, located at 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA 92110. The funding would be used to prepare justice-impacted students to move on to careers within the justice system, and to increase the willingness of key stakeholders within the justice system to fully-integrate justice-impacted individuals into their organizations and agencies. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide pathways for those who are justice-impacted to successfully reintegrate into their communities and create a justice system that is more humane, more equitable, and more effective at increasing 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,

Member of Congress