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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: Safer Students Workforce Initiative in fiscal year 2026. 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 students impacted by the criminal justice system to move into careers within the criminal justice system itself, allowing their first-hand experiences to contribute to safer communities and lower rates of recidivism. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide pathways for these impacted students to successfully reintegrate into their communities and create a criminal justice system that is 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,

Sara Jacobs

Member of Congress