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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Post-Prison Employment Program to Reduce Crime and Recidivism project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Center for Employment Opportunities Inc. located at 759 North Spring Street, Suite 1, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The funding would be used to support law enforcement and reduce local crime rates by increasing transitional employment opportunities and paid training for formerly incarcerated individuals. The primary objectives of this project are to (1) reduce recidivism by immediately connecting individuals leaving incarceration to structured, supervised employment, (2) promote long term workforce participation and accountability that strengthens public safety and reduces strain on law enforcement systems.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it is a strategic public safety priority, reducing the high costs of incarceration and repeat offenses. Expanding the program allows Center for Employment Opportunities LA to serve up to 60 additional formerly incarcerated individuals, providing immediate paid work, training, and permanent job placement support. Structured employment aligned with law enforcement supervision significantly reduces recidivism and strengthens compliance with release conditions. Independent evaluations show a 3-to-1 return on investment for taxpayers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Gomez".

Jimmy Gomez
Member of Congress