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May 2, 2025

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 Legal Services for Crime Prevention and Family Stability project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, located at 5301 Whittier Blvd. 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90022. The funding would be used to provide free legal counsel for persons affected by violent crimes who face economic challenges. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it represents a cost-effective investment in public safety through preventative legal services. By providing early legal intervention for persons affected by violent crimes, taxpayers save significantly on emergency responses, law enforcement calls, and court resources for repeat incidents. When individuals receive proper legal counsel, court processes run more efficiently with correctly prepared documents and fewer continuances. Each \$1 invested in civil legal aid saves taxpayers an estimated \$7 in other public costs.

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