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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriation
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Expanding Law Enforcement Referral Capacity for SUDs Treatment & Recovery** in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Teen Challenge of Florida**, located at 3706 S. Sanford Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32773.

The funding would be used to expand facilities for a Florida non-profit that works closely with justice partners. Through increased capacity, the non-profit would be able to ensure further timely acceptance and placement of referrals from law enforcement, probation, parole, and specialty courts. The programs administered by Teen Challenge directly address substance abuse, behavioral health, mental health, and unemployment among youth.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as early intervention in troubled youth results in reduced recidivism and increased life outcomes in adulthood, which lead to reduced taxpayer dollars for an adult incarceration and increased public safety.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, 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 black ink that reads "Cory Mills".

Cory Mills
Member of Congress