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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Mobile Crisis Program project in the fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Seminole County Sherrif's Office, located at 100 Eslinger Way, Sanford, FL 32773.

This funding would alleviate unnecessary Juvenile Baker Acts through onsite crisis intervention, descalation, and safety planning while focusing on connecting individuals in crisis to appropriate levels of mental health services. Group services will provide needed support and education for primary life skills and mental health coping mechanisms in an effort to prevent youth from facing the challenges of mental health crisis.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds through alleviating unnecessary Juvenile Baker Acts through onsite crisis intervention, de-escalation, and safety planning while focusing on connecting individuals in crisis to appropriate levels of mental health services. Group services will provide needed support and education for primary life skills and mental health coping mechanisms in an effort to prevent youth from facing the challenges of mental health crisis. SCSO also provides Juvenile Mental Health training to law enforcement officers. The Juvenile Mobile Crisis Program has increased awareness, education, and intervention options for law enforcement, as well as provided a safe, validating, non-criminalizing, and mental health approach to our juveniles and their families.

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

Cory Mills

Member of Congress