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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for crime prevention through youth development in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Police Athletic League (PAL), located at 34 1/2 East 12th Street New York, NY 10003. The Police Athletic League proposes to operate the Crime Prevention Through Youth Development Initiative for 2,500 teenagers at 10 PAL Community Youth Centers located in all five boroughs of New York City. Within NY-12, PAL will provide services to at least 750 teenagers from the Harlem, Washington Heights, and North Harlem communities in partnership with the NYPD's 33rd, 28th, and 32nd precincts.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the overarching goals of the program are to reduce juvenile crime and victimization, improve community safety and provide opportunities for community youth that will help them develop into happy, healthy and contributing members of the community. The program is based on Positive Youth Development (PYD) research which indicates that young people surrounded by a variety of opportunities for positive encounters engage in less risky behavior and ultimately have higher rates of successful transitions to adulthood. Expected outcomes for young people will include: 1) improved sense of safety; 2) increased avoidance of derailing behaviors; 3) improved future engagement; 4) improved police-youth relations.

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, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Jerrold Nadler
Member of Congress