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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Creating Healthy Alternatives Neutralizing Gangs (CHNGE) project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pelham Police Department at 337 Pride Street, Pelham, Georgia 31779. The funding would be used to address rural crime among youth in the community, including gang activity, and to systematically collect and analyze data to share with law enforcement in adjoining cities and counties. Data sharing will improve gang identification strategies to connect gang-affiliated youth to mentors.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will invest in youth success and analyze data to develop sustainable strategic practices to reduce violence and enhance the quality of life in Pelham, Georgia.

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,

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. Member of Congress