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March 17, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office's Restoring Inspiration by Success in Education (R.I.S.E.) Initiative in the Fiscal Year 2027 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, which is located at Second Floor, Grand Building, 661 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia 31201.

The funding would be used to expand the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office's R.I.S.E. Initiative to include trauma-informed services for families, thereby reducing juvenile justice referrals, repeat law enforcement encounters, and behavioral services requiring police response. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it reduces recidivism and lowers the long-term costs associated with repeated justice system involvement, thereby aligning directly with the Byrne JAG program's objective to support effective responses to violent crime and improve justice system outcomes.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sanford", written over a vertical line.

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress