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April 30, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Outreach and Assistance Response (SOAR) program in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kings County District Attorney located at 350 Jay Street Brooklyn NY 10016. The funding will be used to bolster the homicide and violent crime outreach program. The funds would assist with building the SOAR team by covering the salary for a program coordinator and four new staff members dedicated to the program. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because immediately following a violent incident or homicide, usually within the first 24 to 48 hours, SOAR counselors work with the New York City Police Department to obtain contact information of survivors or surviving family members and provide the necessary resources to victims.

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, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Dan Goldman
Member of Congress