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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for The Phoenix Philadelphia Criminal Legal Program in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Phoenix, located at 2233 Champa Street, Denver, CO 80205. This funding would be used to expand the organization's criminal legal system (CLS) programming within the Philadelphia Department of Prisons (PDP) over a 12-month period. This initiative aims to empower individuals impacted by the CLS with substance use disorders by fostering recovery, contributing to reducing recidivism, and promoting successful community reintegration.

The funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because through this project, The Phoenix would better address the critical need for comprehensive substance use recovery support services in correctional settings and within communities upon re-entry. The proposed project focuses on three main components: on-demand digital programming for incarcerated individuals, in-person community programs to support individuals upon re-entry, and robust online peer support services.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, 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,

Brendan J. Bayla Brendan F. Boyle Member of Congress