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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for An Achievable Dream Social and Emotional Support and Crisis Prevention program in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding is An Achievable Dream Inc. located at 10858 Warwick Blvd, Suite A, Newport News, VA 23601. The funding would be used to provide social and emotional support, after-school and enrichment activities, and training for educational staff to meet the increased needs of students and young alumni. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Virginia has one of the highest rates of student referral to law enforcement and institutionalizing young people results in long-lasting social and emotional trauma, impacts their prospects for future success, and incurs a high cost to the Commonwealth of roughly \$148,000 per year for each incarcerated juvenile. This program works to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes described in the 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bobby Scott".

Robert C. "Bobby" Scott  
Member of Congress