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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 the Incarcerated Persons Reentry Initiative in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding is the Urban League of Hampton Roads located at 7300 Newport Avenue, Suite 500, Norfolk, VA 23505. The funding would be used to provide education, employment opportunities, and mentorship for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project is grounded in empirical evidence demonstrating the reduced recidivism rates for incarcerated individuals who are able to receive these services, ultimately lowering the cost to the criminal justice system.

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