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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Word of Hope Ministries Comprehensive Prevention and Education Program that combines a series of activities including entrepreneurship and business development and increased access to prison re-entry services to prevent reincarceration and help provide economic stability. This comprehensive approach addresses multiple criminogenic factors while promoting sustainable community reintegration. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Word of Hope Ministries, Inc., located at 2677 N. 40th St, Milwaukee, WI 53210.

The funding would be used to provide training to individuals, including those who have been incarcerated or who are at high-risk of incarceration, to acquire or sharpen entrepreneurship and business development skills. Individuals would receive essential technical assistance through an intensive 8-week curriculum. Individuals, including those who have been justice involved and those seeking re-entry support, would receive assistance to start businesses, develop strategies and tools to achieve their goals, and implement necessary policies and procedures to succeed and maintain their businesses in the community through mentoring, training sessions, networking events and other activities.

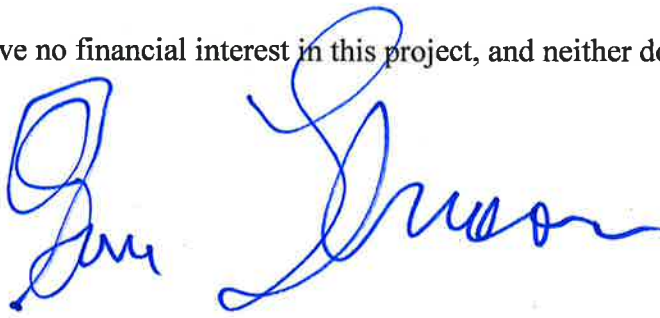
The project will also support community-based partnerships with organizations that provide substance use treatment, mental health care, and employment assistance for individuals facing challenges with the justice system. Through these partnerships, the project will create a comprehensive support network that addresses multiple aspects of successful reintegration, including employment, mental health, substance use treatment, and ongoing community support.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program as authorized under Section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would enhance crime prevention including by serving a high-risk population. Entrepreneurship programs have demonstrated recidivism rates as low as 7.2%, significantly below national averages. Data shows that returning individuals who pursue entrepreneurship are 33% less likely to reoffend. Reduced recidivism leads to substantial taxpayer savings in incarceration costs.

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, appearing to read "Gwen Moore", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Gwen Moore

Member of Congress

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