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March 13, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Memphis Allies Violent Crime Intervention Program** in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Youth Villages**, located at **5515 Shelby Oaks Drive, Memphis, TN 38134**. The funding would be used to support **1000 participants, ages 12-35, who are involved in gangs or have a high risk of being engaged in violent criminal activity**.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because **it will increase targeted efforts to help reduce violent crime in Memphis and Shelby County**.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for 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,



Steve Cohen  
Member of Congress