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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 Youth Violence Prevention Initiative** in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of Memphis**, located at **125 North Main Street, Room 608, Memphis, TN 38103**. The funding would be used **to support programs and services, in partnership with community organizations, that work to break the cycle of violence for at-risk youth and high-risk individuals**.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because **it will combat gun, youth and gang-related violence, which is plaguing the city of Memphis at alarming rates**.

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