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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 **Shelby County Crime Reduction Initiatives Program** in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Shelby County, TN**, located at **160 N. Main Street Suite 600, Memphis, TN 38103**. The funding would be used to **support law enforcement to diagnose, treat, and detain people who have been accused of crimes at a county mental health public safety justice center; and to expand programing in South Memphis through the county's Youth and Family Resource Center in order reduce the youth pipeline to prison.**

It is an appropriate use of taxpayer money because **the expansion of services will enable more families and children in need to get services to help prevent truancy, delinquency, and criminal behavior. It will also enable Shelby County to improve treatment for detainees, lower rates of recidivism, and reduce crime.**

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