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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for “**HOPE Commission Statewide Reentry Program**” in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is **The Wilmington HOPE Commission Inc** located at **38 Vandever Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19802**. The funding would be used for critical re-entry support services to justice-involved individuals in Delaware, including risk and needs assessments, behavioral health services, vocational readiness training, peer support, and family-reunification. **The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because re-entry services help prevent recidivism, support the re-integration of justice-involved individuals into communities, and connect these individuals to employment.** Expanding these services will help keep Delaware communities safer, reduce burdens on law enforcement and the criminal justice system, and reduce overall cost of the criminal justice system through prevention.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is **for activities consistent with, and supportive of, the Office of Justice Programs’ mission and aligned with one or more of the 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 "Lisa Blunt Rochester".

LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER
Member of Congress