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May 2, 2025

Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Recidivism Reduction through Workforce Participation in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Finishing Trades Institute of the Upper Midwest, located at 3205 Country Dr, Little Canada, MN 55117. The funding would be used to provide pre-apprenticeship training for currently incarcerated individuals with the goal of reducing recidivism. It is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce prison reentry and provide inmates with pathways to be productive citizens.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty McCollum".

Betty McCollum  
Member of Congress