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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

April 28, 2025

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

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Community-Based Violence Intervention & Prevention Initiative in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mattie Rhodes Memorial Society, located at 148 N Topping Ave, Kansas City, MO 64123.

The funding would be used to support a program that focuses on promoting protective factors, facilitating multicomponent interventions, and mobilizing community-wide strategies that mediate violence risk factors. The goal is to reduce violence and educate participants in positive life skills, conflict resolution tactics, cultural awareness, and community appreciation to instill self-esteem, hope, and purpose in the youth and families in Kansas City's Historic Northeast. This request aligns with the Department of Justice's priority to address youth violence through community-based initiatives.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will assist law enforcement efforts to enforce laws and address violent crime.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 "Emanuel Cleaver, II".

Emanuel Cleaver, II  
Member of Congress

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