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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the University of South Florida Veteran Peer Mentorship Program in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of South Florida, located at 4202 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33620. The funding would be used to establish a peer mentorship program for veterans involved in the justice system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it invests in crime prevention and rehabilitation rather than repeated incarceration and crisis response for veterans involved in the justice system, and help reintegrate them into society. 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,

W. Gregory Steube
Member of Congress

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