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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 17, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Project COMPASS Workforce Hub project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Opa-Locka, located at 780 Fisherman St Opa-Locka, FL 33054. This project will support the development of Project COMPASS (Community Outcomes Mapping, Planning, and Analytics Support System). It focuses on further investment in workforce development within Opa-locka. This project will support the development of a one-stop shop to address barriers to employment and ensure that residents are trained and prepared for the workforce. This investment is critically important to the community, as it will support a workforce training center aimed at serving an underserved population. The World Health Organization has identified that, globally, 12 billion working days are lost each year due to depression and anxiety, costing approximately \$1 trillion annually in lost productivity.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Project COMPASS will serve as a community workforce hub that helps the City of Opa-Locka, the Carrie Meek Foundation, and other community partners continue building both the aviation and general workforce. It will also address mental health factors that limit productivity by better understanding local mental health needs, coordinating services, and measuring outcomes across community programs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Frederica S. Wilson
Member of Congress