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May 19, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Circle of Brotherhood Violence Prevention and Wellness Initiative in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Circle of Brotherhood Inc., located at 5120 NW 24th Ave Miami, FL 33142. The funding would be used for the Circle of Brotherhood initiative which aims at reducing gun violence and neighborhood conflicts through direct street intervention and the infusing of wellness and transformation practices for all participants, households and neighborhoods targeted. Participants who fall into the population categories (ages 12-25) of youth who are identified as the hardest to educate and employ and or who are currently involved in the criminal justice system for violent or potentially violent crimes; or those identified by violence prevention networks as a potential violent offender or perpetrator; along with youth identified by foster care networks as prone to violence. This initiative also targets the households and family members and neighborhoods /zip codes that show the highest violent crime statistics in the district. We use a community based violence intervention approach that involves boots on the ground (outreach /Violence prevention) and a community wellness approach. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Frederica S. Wilson Member of Congress

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