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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Crisis and Incident Response through Community-Led Engagement (CIRCLE) Pilot Program in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office of City Homelessness Initiatives located at 200 N Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The funding would be used for the CIRCLE Pilot Program. The pilot's target will be non-emergency calls to 911 involving a person experiencing a mental health crisis and/or homelessness. CIRCLE calls will come to the LAPD's 911 system or the police non-emergency number. LAPD dispatchers will be trained to recognize non-violent situations with a behavioral health and/or homelessness component, and route those calls to CIRCLE. A team will respond, assess the situation, and provide immediate stabilization in cases of urgent medical need or psychological crisis. These response teams will be equipped with one outreach worker, a licensed behavioral health clinician, and a community ambassador. They will also provide assessment, information, referral, advocacy and, when warranted, transportation to the next step in treatment.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress