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**Tony Cárdenas**  
**Congress of the United States**  
29th District, California

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Crisis and Incident Response through Community-led Engagement (CIRCLE) program in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Los Angeles located at 200 N. Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The funding would be used to expand CIRCLE program within the 29<sup>th</sup> Congressional District including Sun Valley and North Hollywood. CIRCLE is a 24/7 unarmed response program that deploys a team of mental health professionals and individuals with lived experience to address non-violent Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) calls related to unhoused individuals experiencing crisis. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will address public safety and quality of life issues in the community and reduce strain on local law enforcement in my district by allowing them to focus on critical public safety issues.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by in 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 "Tony Cárdenas".

**TONY CÁRDENAS**  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS