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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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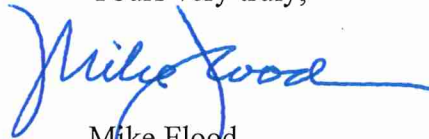
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Southeast Nebraska Alternative Detention Facility Enhancements in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is CEDARS Youth Services, Inc., located at 6601 Pioneers Boulevard, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506. The funding would be used for enhancing the alternative detention facility's equipment and evidence-based programming to reduce and prevent adolescent criminal behavior as well as treat youth ineligible for formal detention. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this facility is the only resource of its kind for the criminal justice system in Southeast Nebraska to place youths aged from twelve-years-old to eighteen-years-old. Additionally, community need for youth alternative detention is growing. In 2023, CEDARS provided a record 5,827 nights of care to 219 unduplicated youth—a 17% increase over the previous year to address patterns of criminal behavior and risk factors for criminal behavior.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the 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.

Yours very truly,



Mike Flood
Member of Congress