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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3214

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Expansion of Coordinated Approach to Prevent Stalking (CAPS) Initiative. The entity to receive funding for this project is the NYC Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV), which is located at 253 Broadway, New York, NY 10007. The funding would be used to allow ENDGBV to build on and expand the CAPS initiative and launch a unique and tailored service response to survivors of stalking, which affects men and women, and other lethality factors to prevent homicides.

Funding to expand the CAPS initiative would benefit taxpayers by ensuring residents are aware of and understand what lethality risk factors like stalking are and what resources are available to help them. This project would ensure law enforcement can identify and appropriately respond to incidents of stalking through enhanced interagency coordination between city agencies and community-based domestic and anti-gender-based violence organizations. CAPS was first expanded to all thirteen Queens precincts in 2016, and then throughout the entire borough, there was an 89% increase in recorded stalking offenses compared to the prior year.

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

Sincerely,



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
Member of Congress