

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3214

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

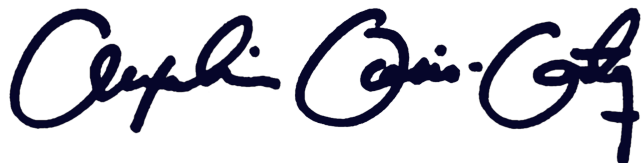
I am requesting funding for Stand Up To Violence Mental Health Services Expansion in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi, located at 1400 Pelham Pkwy S, The Bronx, NY 10461.

The funding would be used to increase mental health services under the umbrella of our Stand Up to Violence (SUV) Program. NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi is fighting youth violence, a significant public health issue in the Bronx. The Stand Up to Violence (SUV) Program is based on the idea that violence is a disease, and should be treated with methods and strategies used to fight diseases. It is modeled after a Chicago-based program called "Cure Violence" that has been replicated around the world due to its success in reducing killings and violence in at-risk neighborhoods. The program includes a team of 10 professionals, who work together to reduce violence in Bronx communities. This program is currently funded by New York State, but additional funding would allow the program to expand its services.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alexia Ocasio-Cortez". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Member of Congress