

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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Workforce Development for Survivors of Human Trafficking Program in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Freedom a la Cart located at 123 East Spring Street, Columbus, OH 43215. The funding will be used to empower survivors of human trafficking through workforce development, supportive services, and trauma-informed programming that fosters long-term recovery and self-sufficiency. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it reduces addiction treatment costs, lowers incarceration rates, improves survivors earnings and reduces recidivism.

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,



Mike Carey
Member of Congress