

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

May 2, 2025

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 Youth Crime Deterrence Program in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United Way of Central Ohio located at 215 N Front St Suite 600, Columbus, OH 43215. The funding will be used to fund proven interventions that strengthen protective factors for at-risk youth. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses root causes of juvenile delinquency and crime. This project tackles key risk factors — low literacy, school instability, homelessness, and poverty — through proven interventions that strengthen protective factors for at-risk youth.

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. § 1015).

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