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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Montgomery County Reentry Initiative (MCRI) in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Family Service of Montgomery County, PA, located at 3125 Ridge Pike, Norristown, PA 19403.

The funding would be used to provide reentry planning and reduce the barriers to successful reentry for all men and women at Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF). The MCRI is comprised of more than 72 organizations and individuals working collectively to reduce the risk factors for recidivism and ensure that returning individuals have the supports and services to be reestablish their lives and achieve stability. MCRI prioritizes five barriers to successful reentry—1. Accessing and Maintaining Employment 2. Housing 3. Financial Wellness 4. Accessing Timely and Effective Mental Health, Medication and Drug and Alcohol Services Post-Release 5. Parenting, Childcare, and Natural Supports. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because approximately 62% of the women and 33% of the men surveyed during incarceration in 2024 at MCCF reported having a documented behavioral health concern for which they are receiving or have received treatment. By providing targeted services post-release, MCRI reduces the rates of recidivism at great cost savings to the community.

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 USC § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress