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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Justice Data Integration Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Montgomery County, PA, located at 425 Swede Street, Norristown, PA 19401.

The funding would be used to launch a significant initiative — Justice Data Integration and Insights (JDII). This initiative involves developing a data warehouse and establishing a robust data infrastructure that consolidates and refreshes data regularly from diverse siloed sources, including Pretrial Services, Court (Magisterial District and Common Pleas), the Correctional Facility, and Adult Probation. The data collected will serve as the backbone of this groundbreaking effort. By integrating data from these previously unlinked sources, the initiative aims to provide a comprehensive and reliable view of the County's criminal justice system. It will not only support rigorous research and reporting but also power both internal and external dashboards, enabling the County to respond swiftly to emerging issues within the justice system and generate critical insights to drive informed decision-making. The initiative encompasses five primary components: (1) Establish a Unified Data Platform (2) Populate the Data Warehouse (3) Identify and Generate Process, Performance, and Outcome (PPO) Measures for Reporting, Analytics, and Visualization (4) Perform Data Analytics and Create Visualizations, Dashboards, and Reports (5) Prepare the County for Self-Sufficient Post-Deployment Management.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because A federal grant award of \$781,275 would support the County's justice system agencies that collectively serve approximately 879,190 residents of Montgomery County. By improving how justice system data is collected, integrated, and analyzed, the project will enhance the County's ability to make informed decisions that improve public safety, strengthen system accountability, and better serve residents who interact with the justice system. The County's judicial system is under increasing

strain. Protection from Abuse filings rose by 31.3% between FY 2020 and FY 2023, and civil action cases grew by 17.7% between 2019 and 2023. Montgomery County continues to stand as one of the strongest and most well-managed counties in Pennsylvania and across the nation. Our AAA bond rating from Moody's, placing us among the top 5% of counties nationwide, reflects more than a decade of responsible fiscal management and thoughtful leadership. However, the needs of our residents are rising significantly across all county services at a time when local governments face increasing uncertainty due to changing state and federal fiscal decisions.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madeleine Dean". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress