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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 Peer Recovery Pathways for Returning Citizens in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations – Alliance, located at 900 S. Arlington Avenue, Suite 254A, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

The funding would be used to expand Pro-A's Peer Recovery Pathways for Returning Citizens program into Montgomery County, PA. The program will strengthen and expand the pool of trained peer workers, peer supervisors and program administrators in the addiction treatment and recovery field in Montgomery County. Program graduates will become force multipliers professionally and behave as positive role models within their families and in the community.

PRO-A can serve as a resource to the Courts (including Drug Court), Law Enforcement (spanning the District Attorney's and County Sheriff's offices as well as municipal police departments) offering our expertise to assist police diversion for nonviolent offenders, warm handoffs resulting from crisis situations relating to alcohol and substance use disorders, and lived experience presentations about the perils of addiction to schools, Rotary Clubs, community and faith organizations.

The opioid epidemic continues to wreak havoc across the United States and Montgomery County is no exception. PRO-A recognizes that individual law enforcement departments, the court system and municipalities cannot be expected to take on all the consequences of untreated addiction on their own. PRO-A can act as a resourceful, impactful partner for providing caring, professional assistance relating to alcohol and substance use disorders.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because throughout the duration of PRO-A's program, participants are connected to wrap-around services for housing, transportation, better personal health, family reunification and more - leading to taxpayer savings in the public

health, welfare and criminal justice systems, reversing a trend of drawing funds from those systems.

PRO-A's programs consistently attract 100 or more participants per cohort, thereby reducing the recidivism rate alone, estimated at costing \$35 - 40,000 per offender to the taxpayers. PRO-A's workforce training initiatives in other Pennsylvania counties boast a participant success rate approaching 80% and have become proven models for maintaining individuals in long-term recovery.

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