



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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa Delauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Delauro,

I am requesting funding for UNITY Detroit in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is UNITAS North America, located at 1177 6th Avenue, 5th Floor, New York City, New York 10036, but the project will be carried out at 1001 Woodward Ave, Suite 500, Detroit, MI 48226.

The funding would be used to establish a comprehensive center dedicated to addressing the urgent need for specialized services for victims of trafficking and exploitation. The center will help to safeguard vulnerable populations in Detroit, particularly young people, by equipping them with the knowledge and resources needed to avoid exploitation. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a significant and pressing social issue, enhances the quality of life for affected individuals, and reduces long-term societal costs associated with crime and social welfare.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shri Thanedar".

Shri Thanedar
Member of Congress