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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

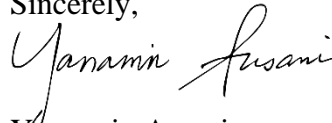
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Valley Metro Community Safety Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority, located at 101 N. 1st Ave., Suite 1400, Phoenix, AZ 85003. The funding would be used to fund staffing, training, and equipment for teams who will work with community members who may be in crisis or are near crisis. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it establishes and enhances a community partnership of law enforcement, the Valley Metro security team, and mental health and addiction professionals to interface with the homeless population on the transit system. This added staff capacity will alleviate burdens on local law enforcement, freeing up police capacity to respond to violent crime and lower response times.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,



Yassamin Ansari
Member of Congress