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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Peacemaking Academy in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Alliance for Gun Responsibility Foundation located at PO Box 4187, Seattle, WA 98114.

The funding would be used to support efforts to reduce gun violence in the community by diverting offenses from the traditional court process, which focuses on punishment and labeling conduct, to a restorative justice approach that utilizes Peacemaking Circles. The program is one of the only a few programs in the country that refers high-level juvenile offenses to restorative practice. Restorative justice programs like this have been shown to be more effective in reducing recidivism rates among juvenile offenders than traditional court processing.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



PRAMILA JAYAPAL
Member of Congress