

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 28, 2021


The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for “Behavioral Health Crisis Care” in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arlington County Government, located at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 302, Arlington, VA 22201. The funding would be used to purchase two medically equipped vehicles dedicated to the mobile crisis response team. The requested funds will support a “Help not Handcuffs” approach to ensure that persons in behavioral health crises receive the most appropriate assistance needed when and where they need it. A behavioral health response vs. a law enforcement response will increase community-based mental health care, decrease emergency department use, reduce inpatient admissions, divert from the criminal justice system and supports racial justice. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Donald S. Beyer Jr.  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS