

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

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I am requesting funding for the King County Crisis Response Team in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), located at King County, WA at 516 3rd Ave, Seattle, WA 98104

Co-Response is an evidence-based alternative response model for individuals experiencing crisis. King County crisis response teams include a trained mental health professional, supported by both an EMT and a deputy. King County currently supports co-response models in several geographic locations. This funding would allow King County to expand co-response programs to East King County communities, including Maple Valley, Covington, and Sammamish.

Crisis response teams enhance the ability of the Sheriff's Office to respond to crime, prioritizing property and violent crimes, while simultaneously helping to improve outcomes for individuals in crisis and reducing use of force incidents by law enforcement.

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

Sincerely,

Kim Schrier, M.D. Member of Congress