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Chairman Tom Cole
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Thank you for your work on the fiscal year 2025 appropriations legislation. I respectfully request funding for the following project in Tennessee's second congressional district:

Project Name: School-Embedded Mentoring Program

Entity: Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee

Address: 1100 Marion Street, Suite 100 Knoxville, TN 37921

Project Description: Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee requests \$370,000 for a School-Embedded Mentoring Program, a scalable violence and opioid use prevention initiative strategically placing professional mentors in Knox County schools to support high-risk students. Through one-on-one and group mentoring, professionally trained full-time mentors provide consistent guidance to foster positive behavior, reduce youth crime and violence, and create safer school environments.

Project Justification: The requested funding would be used by Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee for salaries, benefits, taxes, equipment, and supplies to support its mentoring program. By intervening proactively and offering strong and consistent role models, this program helps students develop crucial life skills, improve academically, and reduce contact with the justice system, ultimately benefiting both the students and the wider community.

Federal Nexus: 42 USC 530 5(a)(2)

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the above project. Thank you again for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tim Burchett,
Member of Congress