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Dear Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Rogers, and Ranking Member Cartwright,

I am requesting funding for the Underserved Survivors Support And Safety Program in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office, located at 900 Ward St, Martinez, CA 94553.

The funding would be used to hire additional staff for two purposes. First serve the increasing number of victims of violent crime, especially when there are unsolved shootings. Underserved and unserved victims of violent crime require a greater level of engagement in these instances which must be data-driven, culturally appropriate and responsive to the unique barriers they face. Addressing these issues with victims can prevent victims from perpetrating crime themselves. The second is to prosecute more cases in a county with rising crime rates.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would target prosecutorial and victim support resources to a high-crime region. The Department of Justice identified the city of Antioch as one of 10 nationwide cities in need targeted efforts to reduce violent crime. According to the California Department of Justice most recent crime statistics, homicides increased since 2018 from 40 to 50 in 2021 countywide but in the cities of Antioch, Richmond, and Pittsburg violent crime has increased by 25%-40%. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Garamendi".

JOHN GARAMENDI  
Member of Congress