

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1005

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Andrew Young Center's Higher Education in Prisons Initiative at Morehouse College in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Morehouse College, located at 830 Westview Dr SW, Atlanta, GA 30314. With this project funding, the Morehouse College AYC-Higher Education in Prisons Program will grow to serve approximately 200 incarcerated students annually, expand academic offerings from 2 courses to 8 courses each semester and establish a Prison Education Ambassadors Program to include 12 Morehouse students who will conduct research and provide peer mentoring to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because higher education in prisons benefits individual students because of its power to educate, rehabilitate, and prepare incarcerated students for the workforce and life as contributing members of society. The intervention funded by this project benefits the people and communities of Georgia by reducing recidivism, resulting in a reduction in crime and creation of safer communities.

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,



Nikema Williams
Member of Congress