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

April 27, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion/Let Everyone Advance with Dignity) program in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Public Defender Association, located in Seattle, Washington.

This funding would allow for the intensification of LEAD services in the Chinatown-International District by providing a dedicated screening & outreach coordinator and a dedicated case manager and expansion of LEAD services for the first time to Southeast Seattle, including Rainier Beach, Columbia City and Mount Baker.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Smith".

Adam Smith
Member of Congress