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Representative Christopher Fallon State House Room236 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Fallon,

Thank you for supporting the Metro Mayors Shannon Coalition's grant application for the Senator Charles Shannon Community Safety Initiative competitive grant program. Your leadership is helping prevention providers access the resources necessary to expand programs and work together regionally to make our neighborhoods safer. I have enclosed a copy of the application for your files.

The future of youth and gang violence prevention programs funded by the Shannon Grant are in peril without the continuation of the Shannon Grant funding. The positive impacts of workforce development, mentoring, summer jobs, and after-school programs are more apparent than ever and can only be strengthened by continuing to provide a positive path for young people.

We are hopeful that our grant application will again be awarded another year of funding to continue the many positive impacts that have resulted from this vital program to give law enforcement and human service providers the resources to work together and bolster community safety.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 451-2770 x2044.

Thank you.

Stephanie L. Everett, J.D. Grant Administrator