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2/27/2026

To:
Senator Raphael Warnock
United States Senate

Senator Jon Ossoff
United States Senate

Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
United States House of Representatives

Dear Senator Warnock, Senator Ossoff, Congressman Bishop, and Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I am pleased to offer this letter in support of Holistically Anchored Inc. and its Community-Based Diversion Program, a locally driven initiative designed to reduce recidivism and strengthen public safety in Lowndes, Ben Hill, and Sumter Counties.

Holistically Anchored's Diversion Program connects individuals who are involved in — or at risk of entering — the justice system with comprehensive support services, including mental health counseling, structured case management, peer navigation, and connection to community resources. By addressing underlying challenges such as untreated mental health needs, lack of supportive services, and barriers to stability, this program provides meaningful alternatives to repeated arrests and incarceration. These services promote individual and family stability, reduce the likelihood of future justice involvement, and support successful long-term reintegration within their communities.

I strongly support Holistically Anchored Inc.'s request for federal funding to implement and expand this Diversion Program. This investment will enhance local capacity to reduce recidivism, improve community health outcomes, and yield lasting benefits for individuals and neighborhoods across rural South Georgia.

Thank you for considering this request. Holistically Anchored's work aligns with federal priorities for crime prevention, community health, and justice system improvement, and your support will help transform lives in our region.

Sincerely,

Hal Wiley
Chairman