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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

The Honorable Kristen Mahoney  
Acting Director  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
810 7th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Acting Director Mahoney:

I write in support of the application submitted by the Wayne County, Pennsylvania, Drug and Treatment Court program for funding from the BJA FY 2021 Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Competitive Grant Program. I urge you to give this application full and fair consideration.

The Wayne County Drug and Treatment Court was established in 2017 as a comprehensive effort focused on adult, non-violent offenders to combat substance abuse and its associated criminal activity. The goal of the program, through a pre-adjudication court model, is to reduce recidivism, overdose deaths, associated crimes, and positive drug screens. I am informed that this program has a graduation rate of 89 percent, which is above the Pennsylvania state average of 70 percent for similar treatment courts.

It is my understanding that, if funded, this grant will allow the Wayne County Drug and Treatment Court to continue providing their services. Wayne County is a rural county located in Northeastern Pennsylvania and has experienced the negative effects of the opioid epidemic. This program ensures that participants with opioid use disorders have access to a medication assisted treatment program operated by the single county authority, Wayne County Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 224-6851.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
United States Senator