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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
U.S. House Appropriations Committee
1026 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
U.S. House Appropriations Committee
2358 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Easter Seals Midwest Employment and Disability Services Workforce Training Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Easter Seals Midwest, located at 11933 Westline Industrial Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146. The funding would be used for site acquisition and renovations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will meet a “compelling local need” to bring more individuals into the workforce. The CDC reports that 182,000 individuals in Missouri have a developmental disability - 1.4 million have a disability of some kind. Individuals with developmental disabilities represent a significant opportunity for growing the workforce and meeting the needs of employers in industries across our economy - while also increasing financial stability and independence for a growing portion of our population.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

CORI BUSH
Member of Congress