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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 the R&R Marketplace Economic Development and Revitalization Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Refuge & Restoration (R&R), located at P.O. Box 701, Florissant, Missouri 63032. The funding would be used for rehabilitation, construction and capital improvements.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide critical economic development and revitalization, including renovation of a 20-year blighted 90,000 square-foot building in the center of the City of Dellwood with a workforce training center with career pathways, small business support center, and early childhood education center. The project is located in a Qualified Census Tract in North St. Louis County where there is an economic and social need. That need is often greater than the resources available to sustain a transformative plan and upend disinvestment.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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