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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 Epworth Emergency Shelter and Food Pantry Rehabilitation Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Epworth Children and Family Services located at 110 N Elm Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119. The funding would be used for renovations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will directly impact community access to healthy, nutritious, and fresh food. During the 2019-2020 school year, the Normandy Schools Collaborative reported 1,000 youth experienced homelessness and housing insecurity. Even with this high number of youths experiencing homelessness, no shelter providers are in the immediate area. Epworth has helped stabilize some housing needs by providing street outreach services through the Drop-in Center. However, Epworth has remained unable to facilitate significant change due to the lack of local community resources.

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