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May 23rd, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Service Center for Children Impacted by Domestic Violence in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is DeKalb County Government, located at 1300 Commerce Drive Decatur, GA 30030.

The request to fund the construction of a Child and Youth Advocacy Center at WRC's safe house is essential for Georgia, particularly in the 4th Congressional District, as it addresses the urgent and long-term needs of children impacted by domestic violence. Domestic violence causes lasting trauma, leaving children vulnerable to poor academic performance, chronic health issues, mental illness, and future cycles of violence and poverty. Georgia ranks among the top states for domestic violence homicide, with DeKalb County experiencing high rates of intimate partner violence. Without intervention, these children are at risk of being overlooked, further perpetuating the cycle of instability.

By investing in this facility, taxpayers are funding a proven, trauma-informed program that offers resilience-building, educational support, and long-term healing. This project not only strengthens families in crisis but also improves the overall well-being of schools and communities, contributing to a healthier and safer future for Georgia's most vulnerable youth. Prioritizing this request means prioritizing prevention, safety, and opportunity for these children.

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

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

Sincerely,



Member of Congress

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