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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Friendship Service Center Expansion in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Friendship Service Center located at 85 Arch Street, New Britain, CT 06051. The funding would be used to upgrade the building the center is housed in. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would increase the Center's ability to serve the area's homeless population. The funding would upgrade the building to address the wear and tear inevitable for a property that hosts at least 60 people per day, as well as upgrade the facility to expand capacity to serve community members in need of emergency shelter. Currently, the Central Connecticut region has 59 unsheltered men over age 18; 24 individual women over age 25; 17 families, with 14 having in their care children under 18; and 14 couples. Even with the additional 40-beds online for cold weather overflow, there is a clear need for emergency services not met with current capacity.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jahana Hayes".

Jahana Hayes
Member of Congress