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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Speak Up Community Newsroom and Neighborhood Meeting Center project in the Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation, Housing & Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is Brothers United Who Dare to Care, Inc. located at 131 W. North Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

If awarded, this funding would be used to purchase and renovate a property in a highly visible location in the Jonathan Street neighborhood. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project is intended to help minority and underserved youth aged 7-21 in a variety of mentorship programs in an economically disadvantaged area of the city.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2) and/or 5305(a)(4). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

David Trone

Member of Congress