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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Full Service Housing for Transition Age Youth project in the Fiscal Year 2025 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is San Mar Family and Community Services Inc., located at 8504 Mapleville Road Boonsboro, MD 21713.

If awarded, this funding would be used to build a bridge from systems of care to stable and thriving adulthood for vulnerable young people, and ultimately prevent homelessness and further hardship. This project would include the renovation of five buildings on campus to housing for local young people. Eligible disconnected, independent living ready and unaccompanied females 17-21 will be the initial target population. This project will encompass 15 apartments in a modernized facility, that convey the inherent worth to the youth we serve, along with full amenities and areas to practice connection. This facility is not a long-term destination; it will provide the sweet spot for autonomy and structure, with support and enough time to pursue forward motion and support long-after their transition.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). 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, appearing to read "David Trone".

David Trone
Member of Congress