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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Center for Hope Expansion of Trauma and Victim Services project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Center for Hope, Inc., located at 5400 Preakness Way, Baltimore, Maryland 21215. The \$800,000 in funding would be used to expand operations and programming at the Center for Hope, enabling personnel to assess capacity, scale up its triage team, build a Baltimore-wide referral network, and coordinate a centralized intake and referral system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would meet the personal safety needs of the community as demand increases for programs to address trauma induced by violence, mental health concerns, and healthy coping mechanisms.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 10152.

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

Sincerely,



Kweisi Mfume  
Member of Congress