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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 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 2026. 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 address 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 mental health concerns and trauma induced by violence, and provide 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

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