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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Support for Domestic Violence Survivors Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lutheran Social Mission Society (d/b/a Lutheran Settlement House), located at 1340 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125. The funding would be used to support additional personnel being hired to provide expanded counseling and related services to survivors of domestic violence.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because since 2020 and the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, rates of domestic violence have risen in and around the City of Philadelphia. As a result, organizations such as Lutheran Settlement House have seen demand for their services grow significantly, resulting in waiting lists and limiting their ability to meet the needs of clients. This funding would allow for an expansion of the organization's capacity to offer potentially life changing or even life saving services to domestic violence survivors.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brendan F. Boyle".

Brendan F. Boyle
Member of Congress