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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I request your support for community project funding for the Food Is Medicine Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, located at 2100 E. Kenwood Blvd, Milwaukee WI 53211.

The project would target nutrition interventions at pregnant women in Milwaukee at <200% of the federal poverty limit designed to prevent, reverse, and stabilize disease resulting in healthy birth outcomes. The program will be offered to pregnant women at risk of preeclampsia and/or gestational diabetes, identified by risk factors present in the first trimester.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because it will promote family and community stability by improving maternal health and increasing healthy birth outcomes for at-risk, low-income moms and babies. This project will impact an estimated 600 lives by improving the health of 300 low-income, at-risk pregnant women and improving birth outcomes for their babies while decreasing costs to taxpayers. The CDC estimates 20 of every 100 births involve preeclampsia, gestational diabetes, or both. Those 20 at-risk pregnancies result in \$470,868 in annual healthcare costs. Expected outcomes include healthier birth outcomes measured by birth weight and gestational age at delivery, increased adherence to pre and postnatal care, and increased food literacy.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.S C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,


Gwen Moore
MEMBER OF CONGRESS