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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 am requesting funding for the Priority Needs Housing and Supportive Services Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the city of Milwaukee, located at 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

The funding would be used to provide recovery housing and support supportive services to keep individuals in two high risk priority groups identified by the city, those with substance use issues or those who are fleeing or survivors of domestic violence. The City of Milwaukee will work with community partners to increase access to recovery housing program for single women and women with children struggling with substance use disorder (SUD) by acquiring an existing apartment building and renovating it to create fully furnished units to support their recovery. Recovery housing is a significant component for supporting long-term recovery from SUD. However, recovery housing options are extremely limited and under-resourced, especially for women. The project will help meet this desperate need by expanding capacity to offer at least 30 more flexible housing units to allow more women in need of recovery housing and services to be served.

Similarly, the project will devote funds to help those who are survivors of or fleeing domestic violence, a group identified as a priority in terms of addressing housing needs. Funds will help provide supportive and other services essential for DV survivors to achieve and maintain independent living. This will include offering emergency financial assistance to DV survivors to ensure safety and stabilization, conducting community trainings and technical assistance on how to respond to the needs of DV survivors, helping improve connections between DV survivors and community advocates and programs, expanding the number of survivors accessing comprehensive services in order to reduce housing insecurity and reducing domestic violence recidivism, among other goals.

This project is a sound use of taxpayer dollars because it addresses compelling locally determined needs for housing and supportive services that will prevent costly, long-term consequences, save lives, lower public spending, and increase economic self-sufficiency of

individuals served. The project supports improvements in community safety, mental and physical health, and survivor economic outcomes.

Additionally, the project will improve employment and other related outlooks for those who are served and able to secure safe housing to rebuild their lives.

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