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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 urge you to provide community project funding for the City of Milwaukee's Children's Commons Project to build a new facility to support low-income young children and teens in an underserved part of the city. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Milwaukee, located at 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

The project will construct a new facility to provide coordinated, comprehensive services under one roof to address the need for high quality early childhood education, violence prevention, college and career readiness, and workforce needs among the city's youngest residents. This new facility will include 13,500 square feet for an early childhood center, 3,500 square feet for teen spaces, a 5,500 square foot ADA-compliant gymnasium, a commercial kitchen, and public gathering spaces including an outdoor playground.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the new facility will allow for comprehensive services to be offered including high quality early childcare and education services, youth leadership development programming, college and career readiness counseling, apprenticeship partnerships, wrap-around educational and athletic services, youth mentoring, and more to take place in one building. This new center will help transform the neighbor and help children reach critical development milestones, offer public spaces to bring families and community together, supports a stable workforce by hiring neighborhood residents, and providing accessible childcare, all key building blocks to a vibrant community.

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