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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Shelter Kitchen Improvements project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Sojourner Family Peace Center, located at 619 West Walnut Street, Milwaukee WI 53212.

The funding would be used to improve the kitchen at a 53-bed emergency shelter serving women, children, and men for 60-90 days. Sojourner serves nearly 8,000 individuals annually. More than 97% live in Milwaukee County and 95% are low-to-moderate income individuals and families.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because breaking the cycle of domestic violence requires improvements in survivor health and access to wellness resources. Effects of domestic violence can last a lifetime. However, empowering survivors to take control of their health enhances their strength and motivation. By improving access to healthier food options, the project is helping create a healthier community and providing health and wellness knowledge that will benefit survivors after transition from shelter to independent housing. The renovations to the kitchen will also allow for the shelter to better utilize and engage volunteers, helping to meet increasing needs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized through the Community Development Block Grant program to address homelessness.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gwen Moore", written over the typed name and title.