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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 Project RETURN Re-Entry Housing Program in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Project RETURN, Inc. located at 2821 N. Vel R. Phillips Ave. Suite 223 Milwaukee, WI 53212

The funding would be used for provide transitional housing for those returning from incarceration, a population that faces tremendous housing need. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will meet a critical locally determined need for a vulnerable population and along with other supportive services, help reduce recidivism while supporting greater self-sufficiency for individuals. Project RETURN is modeling the housing project closely after a similar project by St. Leonard's Ministries in Chicago. A comprehensive evaluation of that program between 2010 and 2012 showed of the 119 participants in their program, compared to a comparable control group, participants in St. Leonard's Ministries were 62% less likely to be re-incarcerated and 38% less likely to be rearrested.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4)

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, appearing to read "Gwen Moore".

Gwen Moore
Member of Congress