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March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Foster Youth Housing Expansion (project) in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is First Place for Youth, located at 426 17th Street, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612.

The funding would be used to acquire and renovate two multi-family properties in Pasadena, California, adding at least 12 additional dedicated housing units for current and former foster youth that meet regulatory and best-practice standards for youth housing programs. First Place for Youth currently holds contracts with the County of Los Angeles that will finance the supportive services that will be provided to current and former foster youth housed in the properties. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Los Angeles County is home to the nation's largest foster care system and is experiencing a housing affordability crisis that contributes to unacceptably high rates of homelessness among former foster youth: more than 1 in 4 foster youth experience homelessness after leaving the system.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(4).

I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Chu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized.

Judy Chu
Member of Congress