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Chairwoman Kay Granger  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the American Job Center ADA and Infrastructure Improvements project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board, Inc., located at 487 Main Street, Warsaw, Virginia 22572. The funding would be used to outfit the American Job Center lobby, resource room, and conference room with ADA-compliant workstations and infrastructure improvements including furnishings, fixtures, and equipment. The upgrades and improvements will enable the Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board to stay current with technology demands and provide high-speed internet access for job seekers and staff, while addressing labor challenges for both employers and job seekers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the American Job Center provides employment assistance and resources to job seekers in the Fredericksburg region, reducing barriers to employment, increasing access to the job market for skilled workers, and addressing labor market challenges for employers. By adding ADA-compliant workstations and making other infrastructure improvements, this project will expand opportunity and access to disabled individuals in the region who face barriers in the workforce, by allowing them to access the resources and services provided by the American Job Center.

This project is eligible under 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(5) of the Community Development Block Grant Program, which states that eligible activities include “special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers which restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped persons.”

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Abigail Spanberger  
Member of Congress