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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Wayne County for the Childcare Center Facilities Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wayne County, located at 500 Griswold St, 28th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226.

The funding would be used to improve childcare center facilities in Wayne County. Building safety and system improvements will ensure access to the childcare center, located at 22701 Annapolis St, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125, which provides free services to 123 children and wrap-around family support. The childcare center needs infrastructure improvements, including HVAC, roof, and window maintenance, to continue operations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure the continued safe operation of a vital community resource serving 123 children and their families in Wayne County. By supporting a facility that provides free childcare and wrap-around family services to low-income households, this investment strengthens economic stability and enables more parents to participate in the workforce. The funding directly benefits the public by maintaining essential childcare capacity in the area, enhancing building safety and energy efficiency, and extending the facility's service life. These improvements will revitalize the surrounding neighborhood, support working families, and promote access to quality early childhood education.

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), and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Rashida Tlaib  
Member of Congress