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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3221

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Herkimer County, NY, Children's Center project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Herkimer County, located at 109 Mary Street Herkimer, NY 13350. The funding would be used to build a child care facility in an identified child care desert. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the demand for quality child care in Herkimer County far exceeds availability. The need for quality, affordable child care has been identified by New York State as well as local and regional partners in Herkimer County as a critical need. For families, access to child care has always been a fundamental economic driver as it promotes employment stability, financial security, and opportunity for economic mobility.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



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