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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the 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 the Huckleberry House's Teen Crisis Program and Shelter project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Huckleberry House, Inc., located at 1421 Hamlet Street, Columbus, OH 43201. The funding would be used to support Huckleberry House's Teen Crisis Program and Shelter, providing immediate safety, crisis stabilization, and family support services for youth ages 12–17 experiencing homelessness, abuse, neglect, trafficking risk, or family conflict. The program offers short-term shelter, 24/7/365 supervision, trauma-informed care, and individualized case management, ensuring youth remain safe while connecting them to supportive services that promote family reunification, prevent juvenile justice involvement, and reduce the risk of chronic homelessness.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce unnecessary detention, relieve strain on courts and law enforcement, and provide structured accountability in a developmentally appropriate setting.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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 that reads "Joyce Beatty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Joyce Beatty
Member of Congress