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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, 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 Lower Lights Community Behavioral Health Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lower Lights Christian Health Center Inc., located at 1160 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43222. The funding would be used to construct a 5,000-square-foot second-floor expansion for a Behavioral Health & Substance Use Recovery Center that will expand access to outpatient mental health and addiction treatment in Franklin County's underserved neighborhoods. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses critical service gaps for low-income and uninsured residents who often face long wait times, transportation barriers, and limited access to coordinated behavioral health services. By expanding capacity at an established community health center, the project strengthens Ohio's behavioral health infrastructure and aligns with the priorities of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to support prevention, treatment, and recovery.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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

Sincerely,

Joyce Beatty  
Member of Congress