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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Fairfax Family and Domestic Violence Shelter in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairfax County Government, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035. The funding would be used for the project below.

Project: Fairfax Family and Domestic Violence Shelter

Recipient: Fairfax County Government, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

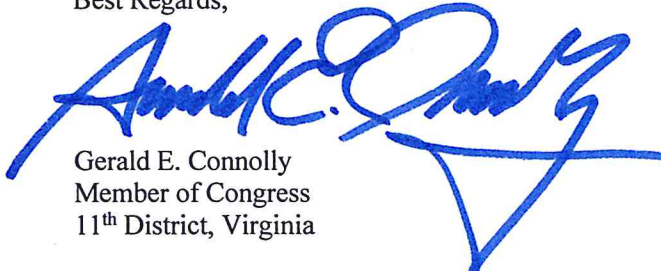
Amount: \$5,000,000

Justification: Currently, Fairfax County's family and domestic violence facilities are beyond their useful lives. In the case of the domestic violence shelter, the current physical location also presents unique security challenges for the residents and staff. Rather than construct entirely new facilities, the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) has identified an existing "extended stay" style hotel, which it intends to purchase and convert for use as a secure domestic violence shelter and a family shelter. This will entail combining rooms, creating service and office space, and other changes to the existing hotel setup. The project will help establish a modern, safe family and domestic violence shelter in an easy-to-reach, opportunity-rich area next to a police station that will give residents the ability to access transit, services, and employment as they and their families begin to rebuild their lives. This request is an important part of the overall project cost, as this project will have a huge impact on the approximately 50 families that will use the facility on a daily basis. This project represents an opportunity to deliver this essential, brand new facility years earlier than might otherwise be accomplished.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305.

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

Best Regards,



Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia