April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro                          The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair                                                                  Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee                               Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives                         U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515                                  Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I write to respectfully request $1,110,645.08 in fiscal year 2022 funding for the program Stable Families, Thriving Futures: A Public Health Model Building Knowledge, Prevention and Resilience among Youth, Teens and Young Adults ages 15 – 25.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairfax County Government, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

The funding would be used for the Stable Families, Thriving Futures program, which will focus on improving the immediate and long-term educational, employment, and health outcomes of pregnant and parenting teens and non-parenting young adults ages 15 to 25 in Fairfax County’s underserved communities of color. The program would operate under the Fairfax County Health Department and would implement a multifaceted evidence-based experiential peer group education model, along with whole-family case management supports designed to stabilize and advance educational, employment, and health outcomes of program participants and their families. Long term outcomes for up to two years after participants graduate from the program would be tracked to support on-going program evaluation measures. The program will engage pregnant and parenting teens and non-parenting young adults, along with members of their households, to build capacity for an environment of whole-family thriving that supports overall improved health outcomes of children and families.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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