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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County Victim Services Improvements in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County, located at 989 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. The funding would be used for upgrades in technology and equipment required to respond quickly and effectively to children who are victims of crimes, improve victims' safety, increase transparency in the community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the CAC is currently the only frontline responder to child sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, and commercial sexual exploitation of children in Suffolk County and need to update and expand their capacity.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, 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,

Ayanna Pressley

Member of Congress

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