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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Youth Human Trafficking Victims in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, located at 24600 Center Ridge, Suite 225, Cleveland, OH 44145

The purpose of this project is to advance child welfare across the Northeast Ohio region through an enhanced community trauma response, removing many barriers to youths exiting the life of trafficking or entering the human trafficking pipeline in the first place. This will thereby reduce violent crimes associated with trafficking for the most marginalized youth in the community.

This project targets the prevention, interruption, and reduction of the pipeline of vulnerable youth that feeds the crime of human trafficking in our communities. By offering immediate trauma informed and responsive placement and services to trafficked and vulnerable youth, followed by enhanced community trauma response protocols, and equipping service providers and first responders with the tools and trainings they need to reliably identify victims and take the appropriate action to prevent further violence.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by (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,



Shontel M. Brown
Member of Congress