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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 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 Stella Maris 35-bed inpatient residential treatment facility in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Stella Maris, Inc., located at 2270 Professor Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

Stella Maris helps return parents to children and people to work. As people recover and reunite with their families they return to their communities seeking to engage differently. Our clients are often employed prior to the completion of treatment, and if not employed are often pursuing education opportunities. In turn, those jobs can lead to careers and home ownership. Many of our alumni go on to lead productive lives focused on continuing the impactful citizenry model practiced at Stella Maris.

The Professor Avenue construction and renovation project will have a positive economic impact locally, and county/state-wide through the creation of construction and industry-related jobs, supply chain, and the positive impact on local restaurants and shops in Tremont and surrounding communities. This expansion will lead to the creation of 32 new positions with over \$1.5 million in compensation. Additionally, Stella Maris considers impactful citizenry as a standard and an effective form of outreach. This happens through offering to care for our neighbor's property and surrounding area as if it was our own (i.e. landscaping, snow removal, clean-up).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family. The federal nexus is 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

Sincerely,

  
Shontel M. Brown  
Member of Congress