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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting fiscal year 2022 funding for the purchase of electronic medical record (EMR) database systems for an Adult Day Program and a Behavioral Health Program in McHenry County, Illinois.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Independence Health & Therapy, located at 2028 N. Seminary Ave., Woodstock, Illinois, 60098.

The funding would be used to purchase an EMR database system for Independence Health & Therapy's Adult Day program and a separate and distinct EMR for their Behavioral Health program. These EMR database systems will allow staff in the Adult Day and Memory Care Program and the Behavioral Health Program to create and maintain individualized treatment plans, record clients' assessments, and improve communication and access among care providers.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting fiscal year 2022 funding for the implementation of a pre-arrest diversion initiative in Kane County, Illinois.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, located at 37W777 Route 38, Suite 300, St. Charles, Illinois, 60175.

The funding would be used to establish a pre-arrest diversion initiative based on the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) model, including the hiring of three case managers and a community engagement coordinator, as well as the provision of services. The core activity would be effective, harm reduction-oriented, non-coercive case management of low-level non-violent offenders.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for a project to establish a Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Clubhouse in Kendall County, Illinois.

The entity to receive funding for this project is CASA of Kendall County, located at 811 W John Street, Yorkville, Illinois 60560.

The funding would be used for the purchase and development of a "CASA Clubhouse," a multiuse space serving families involved with the foster care system and their advocates. The Clubhouse will be used as a free, safe location for families to meet on court-ordered visitation. The space will also be used to store donated resources for families and as the permanent advocacy office for CASA of Kendall County. Currently, there is not a single facility in Kendall County dedicated to this need, while CASA reports that the number of children in care in the County doubled from 2019 to 2020.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for a Kindergarten-readiness project in fiscal year 2022, which would serve the communities of Sandwich, Sycamore, and Hinckley in the 14<sup>th</sup> District of Illinois.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the DeKalb County Regional Office of Education, located at 2500 N. Annie Glidden Rd., Suite C, DeKalb, IL 60115.

The funding would be used to expand the work of the DeKalb County Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative and Basics DeKalb County, a county-wide initiative to increase access to quality early learning opportunities. This project would provide targeted supports to parents in the communities of Sandwich, Sycamore, and Hinckley through culturally and developmentally appropriate materials, coaching, and peer mentoring. The purpose of this project is to reduce kindergarten-readiness gaps by helping the parents to better support the social, emotional, and cognitive development of their children.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for a water main replacement project in the City of Joliet in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Joliet, located at 150 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432.

The funding would be used to replace aged, leaking water mains in the City of Joliet's distribution system in order to reduce non-revenue water. The project is part of the City's Alternative Water Source Program, which is developing a new Lake Michigan water source to replace the City's existing groundwater source. Declining water levels make the aquifer unsustainable as a long-term water source for Joliet and its surrounding communities, and the aquifer will no longer be able to meet the City's demands by 2030. This water main replacement project is required in order for the City of Joliet to transition to using Lake Michigan as its water source.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for a project to strengthen the Sylvan Lake Dam in Lake County, Illinois. The dam is located at 26083 N. Highland Drive, Mundelein, IL, 60060.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, located at 500 W. Winchester Rd, Suite 201, Libertyville, IL, 60048.

The funding would be used to prevent failure of a 100-year-old earthen embankment dam. Strengthening the dam will protect over 400 homes from the impacts of a potential dam failure, including water contamination; loss of utilities including water, gas, and sewer; and flooding of roads (including a single access route for 137 homes). This project is particularly urgent in light of the anticipated increase in precipitation associated with climate change. These federal funds will make the community safer by mitigating these risks, and will save taxpayer money by investing in prevention *before* a disaster occurs instead of cleaning up the damage.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding in fiscal year 2022 for a project to expand dual credit and dual degree programming through McHenry County College in partnership with public high schools in McHenry County, IL.

The entity to receive funding for this project is McHenry County College, located at 8900 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, IL 60012.

The funding would be used to expand McHenry County College's existing dual credit/dual degree program in partnership with all 15 public high schools in McHenry County. It will fund additional graduate education for high school instructors, qualifying more instructors to teach college courses at their high school and making dual credit and dual degree programs available to many more students. The funding would also be used help underwrite the cost of college tuition, fees, and course materials for students with demonstrated need.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for a project to construct a water treatment facility and production well in the Village of Pingree Grove in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Pingree Grove, located at 555 Reinking Road, Pingree Grove, IL 60140.

The funding would be used to construct a new water treatment facility and production well. Currently, a single water treatment facility services the Village's population of approximately 10,000 residents. Construction of a second water treatment facility will create redundancy in the system that is critical to the proper operation and maintenance of the facilities serving the population. Without a second water treatment facility, the Village expects it would not be able to supply constituents with suitable drinking water should there be a failure at the existing water treatment facility. Further, the present situation does not permit adequate time to perform maintenance on facility equipment, as the plant cannot be shut down for more than a few hours without risking impacts to the drinking water supply.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for a project to rehabilitate to water towers serving Village of Richmond in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Richmond, located at 5600 Hunter Drive, Richmond, IL 60071.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate two aging water towers, which serve the residents of the Village of Richmond. Recent inspections of the towers revealed blight and decaying conditions that potentially pose a threat to public health and safety; therefore, restoration is critical. Further delay in the water tower restoration, could result in water quality violations and service disruptions, which may impact emergency fire department water supply.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for a project to replace the emergency back-up generator at the Wauconda Fire Protection District's Emergency Operations Center.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Wauconda Fire Protection District, located at 109 West Liberty Street, in Wauconda, Illinois, 60084.

The funding would be used to replace the 28-year-old generator currently in use at the Emergency Operations Center within the fire station. This generator is a vital piece of equipment that must be reliable in order to maintain preparedness and continuity of operations during a disaster. The old generator is underpowered and has become increasingly unreliable and costly to maintain. Federal funds will be used to purchase and install a new generator to better protect the 40,000 Americans served by the Wauconda Fire Protection District.

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