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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Equitable Access to Justice and Advocacy Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Magnolia Women's Recovery Program, located at 682 Briergate Way, Hayward, CA 94544. The funding would be used to pair advocates from Partners for Justice (PFJ), a national nonprofit organization, with the women residing in MWRP's Hayward facility. PFJ's Client Advocate Program places specially-trained teams of "Advocates" inside public defense to work on housing, employment, education, healthcare access, treatment support, and more.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides essential support services for pregnant and postpartum women facing the aftermath of domestic violence or are navigating the criminal justice system. Preventing the incarceration of mothers contributes to community well-being by reducing the likelihood of future generations getting involved in the criminal justice system. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 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,



Member of Congress