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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Oakland Capital Improvements for Core Service Providers in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Oakland, located at 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612.

The funding would be used to support two projects: the Magnolia Women's Recovery Program (MWRP) and Fred Finch Youth & Family Services (Fred Finch) with capital improvements to their facilities and property acquisition. Fred Finch would rehabilitate a commercial kitchen and cafeteria for non-minor, dependent foster youth and permanent supportive housing tenants. Funding for Magnolia would support a women's recovery program that offers transitional housing in purchasing another facility to house additional women and children, particularly pregnant and postpartum women of color with substance use disorders who may be homeless and/or survivors of domestic violence.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides wrap-around services and assistance to foster youth and women so they can enter the workforce with stronger community ties, better training, and more resources to succeed.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

Sincerely,

Lateefah Simon
Member of Congress