April 26, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman 
House Committee on Appropriations  
2413 Rayburn House Office Bldg. 
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member 
House Committee on Appropriations  
1026 Longworth House Office Bldg. 
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Friendship House Renovation Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Friendship House, located at 1509 Maple Street, Scranton, PA 18505. The funding would be used for a project involving the renovation of 413-415 and 420 Biden Street, and 200-216 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton by Friendship House. The building renovation project will involve 12,345 square feet building at 413-415 Biden Street and 9,450 square feet of the second floor of 200-216 Wyoming Avenue that will yield 21,795 square feet to provide Whole Person Care. Friendship House’s current child/adolescent outpatient mental health clinic will move from 1509 Maple Street in Scranton where there is no access to public transportation. In addition to mental health outpatient services including Parent Child Interactive Therapy and medication management services. The mental health ambulatory services Friendship House will be providing at this new location will include Blended Case Management, Family Based Mental Health, Peer Support Services and Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services. The purchase price of the properties located at 413-415 and 420 Biden Street, and 200-216 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton, PA 18503 is $1,600,000.00. The estimated cost of renovations and equipment purchase is estimated at $2,600,000.00 and the cost of professional design services and permits is estimated at $200,000. Total project cost is estimated at $4,400,000.00. HHS HRSA Health Facilities and Equipment Funding will ONLY be used for renovations and equipment. Non-federal funds will meet the balance of project costs.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Cartwright  
Member of Congress