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

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for YMCA Mental Health & Substance Abuse Support Services in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Greater Scranton YMCA, located at 706 N. Blakely St., Dunmore, Pennsylvania 18512. The funding would be used for each local YMCA to contract with at least one mental health/substance abuse organization in their community to provide services at the Ys facilities, as well as hire specialized staff to offer added therapy services focusing on the prevention and/or treatment of mental health disorders and drug use, and tobacco and alcohol use among children. Although open to all, the Ys will target low-income community members who may not have access to services, or who may desire alternative service options. Research shows preventative services can reduce hospitalization rates and medical expenses, leading to savings for taxpayers. Through leasing vehicles, the Ys will provide services to community members who cannot access a Y.

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

Sincerely,



Matt Cartwright
Member of Congress