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 NeighborWorks Aging in Place Program Expansion in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Scranton Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., located at 815 Smith Street, Scranton, PA 18504. The funding would be used for Scranton Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. dba NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania (NeighborWorks NEPA), will use this one-time funding to expand the Aging in Place program to assist 105 additional older and/or disabled homeowners with critical safety modification services to help them to continue living safely and with dignity in their homes and community. The expansion will impact Lackawanna, Luzerne, and Wayne counties and expands the initial work that NeighborWorks NEPA has done in this space over the past 4 years. The project helps address the significant waiting list of homeowners (over 300) who have been identified for these crucial services across the three-county region. Referrals are received from regional Area Agencies on Aging and other partner agencies. Each homeowner receives a preliminary home visit, a visit/consultation from an Occupational Therapist, critical home modification services, and ongoing resource connection and wrap-around service from a Community Services Navigator.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Cartwright
Member of Congress