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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, HUD, and Related Agencies 2207 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Mike Quigley Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, HUD, and Related Agencies 2039 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request for Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County d.b.a. Mission Kids

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting \$3,750,000 in funding for the Building of a State-of-the-Art Child Advocacy and Regional Training Center project in fiscal year 2024 through the Housing - CDBG, Economic Development Initiative (EDI) account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County d.b.a. Mission Kids, located at 180 W. Germantown Pike, Suite 1, East Norriton, PA, 19401.

If funded, Mission Kids will build and operate a new 32,000+ sq. ft. state-of-the-art regional training facility for professionals who respond to child abuse, including police, prosecutors, social workers, victim advocates, medical and mental health professionals, and a model, colocated child advocacy center (CAC) in Montgomery County, PA. There is no training center for child abuse professionals in the northeast or mid-Atlantic region; the closest similar facility is in Huntsville, AL, and Mission Kids are centrally located for the mid-Atlantic region. So it will not only have a great impact on children and families here in the PA 4th congressional District, it will have a regional impact as well. This regional training center will not only provide local jobs during construction, but it will bring thousands of child-protection professionals from the Northeast and mid-Atlantic region to Montgomery County, PA each year.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1); 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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Member of Congress