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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Victim Services Center's 24/7 Crisis Hotline in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Victim Services Center of Montgomery County, Inc., located at 325 Swede Street, 2nd Floor, Norristown, PA, 19401.

The funding would be used to fund the Victim Services Center of Montgomery County's (VSC) 24/7 Crisis Hotline, a vital resource in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, that ensures no survivor of sexual violence or other serious crimes has to face trauma alone. VSC's crisis hotline provides immediate access to state-certified, trauma-informed victim advocates who offer in-person accompaniment to area hospitals for sexual assault victims for rape kit exams, emotional support, safety planning, and guidance on next steps, including legal and judicial options. For many, the crisis hotline is the first point of contact for seeking help through VSC's free and confidential services. With over 3,000 victims served each year, the 24-hour crisis hotline plays a crucial role in ensuring every person impacted by crime in Montgomery County knows help is just one phone call away. Project funding will ensure this service is sustained, fully funded, and fully staffed and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week—because survivors cannot wait for support.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 USC § 10152).

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

Sincerely,



Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress