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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Family Resource Center Emergency Shelter and Victim Services Expansion Project in fiscal year 2026. The non-profit entity project sponsor to receive funding for this project is the Family Resource Center, Inc. located at 2317 Commandant Gade 16B & 17, St. Thomas, 00802. The anticipated location of the project is 2317 Commandant Gade 16B & 17, St. Thomas, 00802.

The requested funding would be used to expand its emergency shelter support for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes across St. Thomas, St. John, and Water Island. The project includes upgrades to the security, safety, and accessibility of FRC's victim service offices. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Family Resource Center provides essential emergency domestic violence shelter services to St. Thomas, St. John, and Water Island. The expansion of services would directly increase safety, reduces trauma, and supports federal goals of victim recovery in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

Stacey E. Plaskett

Member of Congress