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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

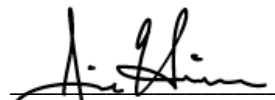
I am requesting funding for The WorkPlace, Inc. to undertake the ProjectRISE Project in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Training and Employment Services account under the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration. The entity to receive funding for this project is The WorkPlace, Inc., located at 1000 Lafayette Blvd, Suite 501, Bridgeport CT, 06604.

The WorkPlace, Inc. is seeking \$1,000,000 for ProjectRISE to provide a remote work credential and a wellness/resiliency model currently unexplored in workforce development services. This will provide primarily unemployed and underemployed women of color with the digital skills now required by many employers as well as a wellness program that will include behavioral health programming, nutrition, and strategies to address anxiety and stress common in job seekers. The WorkPlace will offer candidates its recognized workforce readiness curriculum to address resume development, job search, interviewing skills, communication, training for in-demand occupations, as well as, emotional support techniques aimed at helping build confidence in themselves and their employment outlook. ProjectRISE will seek to serve 100 individuals in a 12-month period and includes a rigorous outcome/process evaluation.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address the problem of poverty and unemployment that has only worsened since the start of the pandemic. ProjectRISE will provide skills, training, and support to constituents to gain employment and help them provide for themselves and their families. ProjectRISE will help educate and train individuals on how to use this new technology to help get Americans connected, bridge the digital divide, and progress toward the future together.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


JIM HIMES
Member of Congress