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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

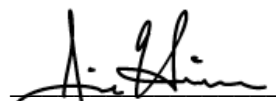
I am requesting funding for the Family Centers, Inc. to undertake the Stamford School-Based Health Centers Expansion project in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Health Resources and Services Administration Health Facilities account under the Department of Health and Human Services. The entity to receive funding for this project is Family Centers Inc., located at 888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT 06901.

Family Centers Inc. is seeking \$1,000,000 for the construction costs of expanding their School Based Health Center (SBHC) program sites at Stamford High School and Turn of River Middle School. SBHCs are committed to delivering high-quality medical, dental, and mental health services to underserved students at eight public schools in Stamford and one in Greenwich. The program is vital to lowering barriers to healthcare, particularly for those who are under or uninsured.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would open more doors for underserved children living in Stamford to access medical, dental, and mental health services. Among service users, 43% were on HUSKY or Medicaid. Approximately 22% of service users had private insurance, and nearly 35% of our other patients were uninsured. These trends indicate that half of the patients and their families live at or below the Federal Poverty Level. Additionally, patients with private insurance are frequently on high-deductible plans. Thus, attending sick visits to their emergency care provider or accessing mental health services in the community is nearly impossible until a \$3,000 or \$5,000 deductible is met.

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

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