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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Bridge on Main Resource Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Career Resources, Inc., located at 1000 Lafayette Blvd, Suite 303, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604.

The funding would be used for the renovation of property owned by Career Resources Inc. (CRI) at 1085 Main Street in downtown Bridgeport, where they plan to launch the Bridge on Main collaborative resource center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will pave the way for a workforce training and counseling program for formerly incarcerated and returning citizens and their families. This underserved population disproportionately consists of people with low- and moderate-income status and communities of color. The facility will spur economic growth by stewarding returning citizens and other system-impacted individuals and their families towards jobs, community reintegration and reduced recidivism.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Himes", written in a cursive style.

JIM HIMES
Member of Congress