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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for The Dream Collective Foster Care Resource and Opportunity Hub Project in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project Miami Dade County located 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL.

The funding would be used for the planning, renovation, and build-out of a facility to establish a centralized trauma informed hub for children and families involved in the foster care system. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because by co-locating essential services and strengthening coordination among providers, the project will reduce the length of time children spend in foster care, while improving unification outcomes. Additionally, the hub will provide trauma informed care, life skills training, academic support, workforce development, and mentorship to those of Miami Dade County.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,



Congressman Carlos A. Gimenez
Florida's 28th Congressional District