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The Honorable Steve Womack Chair Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington D.C. 20515 The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and Related
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Quigley,

I am requesting funding for the Children's Trust Child Care Facilities Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is The Children's Trust Miami Dade County located at 3150 SW 3rd Ave, Miami, Florida 33129.

The funding would be used for economic development initiative for high quality early learning center rehabilitation and improvements in Miami-Dade County. Dollars will support the cost of construction activities to enhance and rehabilitate high quality early learning child care facilities in in high poverty areas in Miami-Dade County. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this opportunity will support a high-quality early learning environment for children, decreasing the chance of youths becoming involved in the justice system; while also supporting their families' economic self-sufficiency by offsetting the impacts of the fiscal cliff and including childcare, mental and behavioral health, crisis intervention other services.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 42 USC $\S 5305(a)(1)$, (2) and (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