



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$1 million in funding for the Child Advocates of Fort Bend County in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fort Bend County Child Advocates Inc., located at 5403 Avenue N, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. The funding would be used to provide evidence-based advocacy, treatment and prevention services for children and their non-offending family members, which would otherwise need to be provided by county agencies. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide advocacy and direct services to children ages birth to 18 years old who have suffered abuse or neglect. The project will also support educating the community on abuse dynamics so that abuse can be reduced and prevented. Child Advocates of Fort Bend addresses the unique needs of children by age, promote and support advancement to the next grade and high school graduation and help build supportive family and community networks for ongoing support systems.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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 "Troy E. Nehls".

Troy E. Nehls  
Member of Congress