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SENIOR WHIP

April 28, 2021

Chair Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Kay Granger House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies US House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$5,000 for feeding senior citizens at the Beech Grove Senior Citizens Center in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Beech Grove, located at 602 Main St, Beech Grove, IN 46107.

The funding would be used to feed and provide a gift for senior citizens during the holidays. Senior Citizens are 12% of the U.S population but account for 18% of all suicide deaths. There is also something called 'silent suicide' among Seniors Citizens. Silent suicide happens to 22% of our elderly. Silent suicide typically happens because of depression, loneliness, feelings of not loved or cared about. Our Elderly will stop eating, stop drinking fluids, misuse medication. That brings the suicide rate up to 40% which is higher than all other age groups in America. Holidays are harder on Seniors than most know. City of Beech Grove's goal is to help Seniors by bringing them a smile and a warm plate of food during the holidays, along with a little gift from Santa.

This initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because with Seniors Citizens being the highest rate of homeowners and with more home health care company's starting, it would be very beneficial to our City, State, and the job's in the health care field to have our Elderly live long happy lives. We believe this program will help significantly in that process.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

André Carson Member of Congress