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April 27, 2022

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 \$600,000 for CradleIndy/IU Health Foundation for their CradleIndy program in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is IU Health Foundation (Cradle Indy) located at 565 Riley Hospital Drive Suite XE80 Indianapolis, Indiana 46202.

The funding will be used to serve Black mothers and babies in Marion County because it has the largest racial inequities in infant mortality. Marion's 2019 overall infant mortality rate was 7.8 deaths/1,000 births. For Black babies, it was 10.1 deaths/1,000 births. Black infants are 2.1x more likely to have low birth weight and 2.3x more likely to die. Zip codes with highest rates and inequities will be targeted.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will have a direct impact on the infant and maternal mortality that will have an impact on the health and nutrition of vulnerable patients, while also providing job training and new employment will address preconception health, pregnancy and infant health, and issues like smoking while pregnant, sleep-related deaths and preterm births.

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

Sincerely.

André Carson

Member of Congress