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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 \$2.5 million for the Indianapolis Private Industry Council (DBA EmployIndy) for their Junior Ranger Program in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is EmployIndy, located at 101 West Washington Street, Suite 1200 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

The funding would be used to increase the number of Park Rangers and to establish a Junior Ranger Program. This modern apprenticeship program is a partnership between the public school district, EmployIndy, the workforce board, and the City as the employer. This program will provide a pathway for high school children to become Rangers once they complete their education. These jobs serve the communities in which the potential beneficiaries live and provide public safety for our park system.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it supports workforce training opportunities for adults and youth in the City of Indianapolis. Providing pathways for Junior Park Rangers will enhance public safety in city parks and provide a more representative workforce, which provide opportunity for all residents to enjoy our park system and experience a healthy lifestyle.

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

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress