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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 \$87,000 for Overdose Lifeline Camp Mariposa-Aaron's Place Youth Prevention Program in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Overdose Lifeline, Inc. located at 1100 West 42nd Street, Suite 240 Indianapolis, Indiana 46208.

The funding would be used to expand Overdose Lifeline's impact on children and families by extending upon their programming to high-risk youth ages 13-17. Currently their programming is yearlong, evidence-based camp experience for younger children and their families affected by substance misuses and especially targeting children whose parents are in active use or in recovery; children who are in, or at risk of entering the foster care system; and children with one or both parents incarcerated. The teen program will incorporate key elements from the Camp Mariposa-Aaron's Place model through the development of a revised, age-appropriate curriculum with emphasis on both mentoring and family centered harm reduction, paired with teen friendly activities.

The initiative is valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Camp Mariposa Teen Program will provide a unique resource that affords Hoosier youth and their families crucial therapeutic and family-centered supports to develop protective factors, conditions that reduce the effects of stressful life events. Youth living in families experiencing substance misuse or addiction may be at greater risk of trauma effects due to parental neglect, chaotic environments, or removal by child welfare professionals. staff will deliver timely interventions to counter participation barriers.

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

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress