

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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Juliette's House in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Juliette's House, located at 1075 Cedarwood Avenue, McMinnville, Oregon 97128.

The funding would be used to expand Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) driven child abuse investigation support and victim services capacity in Yamhill County. Funds will support: (1) MDT coordination and cross-agency training to improve case flow and investigative consistency; (2) expansion of forensic medical capacity (adding an additional Nurse Practitioner under the current provider) to reduce exam/report bottlenecks; and (3) drug-exposed children (DEC) testing workflow implementation, including evidence-ready collection procedures (hair/urine), documentation/chain-of-custody protocols, and contracted lab services.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this investment strengthens child safety, victim services, and the effectiveness of child abuse investigations and prosecutions in Oregon's Sixth District, particularly in Yamhill County. It reduces case delays and bottlenecks, improves consistency and evidence integrity in MDT workflows, and expands local capacity so families can access timely forensic and trauma-informed services without traveling out of county.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,



MEMBER OF CONGRESS