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Hon. Kay Granger, Chairwoman H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Tribal Child Care Center**, **Mashpee**, **Barnstable County**, **Massachusetts**, **9th Congressional District Project** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe**. located at **52 Wareham St**, **Carver**, **MA**. The funding will be used to construct a 6,650 square foot early childhood center serving the majority of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe who live within three miles of the proposed facility.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will address the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's desperate need to make available to its citizens early childhood care for children ages six weeks to five years old. Current off-reservation child care facilities are too expensive, oversubscribed, and most importantly fail to provide culturally-appropriate education necessary to the healthy development of Mashpee Wampanoag children and the Tribe's general cultural preservation.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

VILLIAM R. KEATING

Member of Congress