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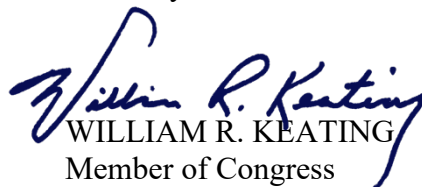
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Children's Cove Child Advocacy Center Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Barnstable County, located at 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02630. The funding would be used to allow Children's Cove, a department of Barnstable County and the only Child Advocacy Center serving Barnstable, Nantucket and Dukes Counties, to renovate and expand their current space into a 10,000 square foot modern advocacy center that is safe, welcoming, accessible, and confidential. The current facility, a single family home, has served more than 7,000 children and families impacted by abuse and trauma since opening in 1997. This project will also allow Children's Cove to provide medical services on-site in an accessible, modern space where medical and health services can be provided in a dignified manner to safeguard the health and well-being of children following incidents of sexual abuse, assault, and exploitation. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this new building will support the only Child Advocacy Center providing unique services to child victims of abuse and their non-offending family members in Barnstable, Nantucket and Dukes Counties in Massachusetts. The expanded facility will allow the CAC to provide more expansive services as well as professional training and education to partner agencies and the community.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the 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,


WILLIAM R. KEATING
Member of Congress