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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Republicans
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Democrats
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Full Service Housing for Transition Age Youth in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is San Mar Children's Home, Inc. dba San Mar Family and Community Services, Inc., located at 8504 Mapleville Road Boonsboro, MD 21713. The funding would be used for the renovation of five existing buildings into 15 apartments, which will serve as transitional housing for unaccompanied, vulnerable young women, aged 17-21 years old. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides urgently needed transitional housing for young women aging out of foster care in Washington County, where rising home prices and rents have made stable housing unattainable for many. By supporting this population, the project helps prevent homelessness and reduces long-term public costs related to housing instability. This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "April McClain Delaney".

April McClain Delaney
Member of Congress