COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Congress of the United States

U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-0904

May 9, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Youth Crisis Center Youth Multi-Purpose Recreation Center project for Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Kids Hope Alliance, located at 1095 A Philip Randolph Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32206.

The funding for this project would be used to renovate a warehouse on Youth Crisis Center's campus to create a multi-purpose recreation center for homeless youth between the ages of 10 and 17. The multi-purpose recreation center will include a gymnasium, air conditioning, and water fountains.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the multi-purpose recreational center will afford opportunities for positive social activities that foster emotional and physical health in the homeless youth residing at Youth Crisis Center.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4) of the Community Development Block Grant.

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

Sincerely,

John H. Rutherford Member of Congress