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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Mental Health Services for Older Blind in Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus, FL Counties in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for the project is Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind of Pasco, Hernando and Citrus Counties, located at 9130 Ridge Road, New Port Richey, FL, 34654.

The funding would be used to empower the visually impaired in these three counties to live more independently in their home and communities with a focus on improved mental health. This is done through independent living classes, orientation and mobility training and assistive technology trainings with curriculum focused around clients' physical, cognitive, leisure, social, psychological and emotional well-being.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress