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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Change the Outcome: An Education and Public Awareness project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Change the Outcome located at 6666 Mulberry Circle, Chanhassen, MN 55417. The funding would be used for their education and public awareness program to fight the substance use and overdose epidemic among young adults.

Change the Outcome (CTO) was established in 2016 in response to the alarming rise of opioid use and overdoses among youth and the concurrent dearth of effective education programs for young people. Overdose is the leading cause of death for 15-25 year olds. Its mission is to provide focused, fact-based learning opportunities for teens, young adults, educators, parents, and community members on substance use disorder and the opioid epidemic to prevent addiction, reduce stigma, and empower people to ask for or offer support and save lives. Since its founding CTO has reached over 40,000 young people in communities throughout the state. This request seeks funding to allow us to continue its wide-reaching, impactful efforts.

With this request, CTO seeks to implement a two-pronged initiative to reduce substance and opioid abuse and misuse among teens and young adults throughout Minnesota. Program components include: 1) CTO's paradigm-shifting, school-based, and community-adaptive education model centering youth voices via a documentary screening followed by a panel discussion with young people in recovery, and 2) the development and implementation of a multi-modal public messaging and social media strategy that will target young adults of all backgrounds.

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

Please know that I appreciate your consideration of my requests and look forward to working with you as the appropriations process moves forward. If you have questions or require additional information, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. Phillips', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dean Phillips
Member of Congress