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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 Hennepin County Family Dependency Treatment Court project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hennepin County located at 701 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis MN 55415. The funding would be used to create a family dependency treatment court (FDTC) as part of the response to the opioid crisis.

In Hennepin County, data have shown three important findings that support the benefits of a FDTC: opioid use strongly predicts more child protection involvement; child protection is an opportunity for early substance use treatment intervention; and opioid use disproportionately affects Native American families in child protection. An FDTC would address all three of these findings in a holistic, supportive, interdisciplinary fashion, specifically addressing the disproportionately affected urban Native American families in this community. Opioid-related deaths in Hennepin County have steadily increased from 2011 to 2020, without signs of slowing. The project will provide assistance, treatment, resources, and recovery to individuals and families who need interdisciplinary care the most. It aims to help decrease opioid overdose related deaths, keep families intact, and decrease recidivism in the criminal justice system.

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'.

Dean Phillips  
Member of Congress