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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Transitional Housing – City of Chillicothe project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Chillicothe, located at 35 S. Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601. Funding for this project will be used to bring additional housing units to the Chillicothe community that will be used as transitional housing. The project will utilize nine vacant lots, which previously housed blighted and vacant homes, to rebuild residential structures. The construction of the homes will also incorporate a workforce development program and once completed be transitioned to Ross County Community Action (a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization) for oversight and management.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help address the substantial housing crisis in the City of Chillicothe. Safe, affordable housing is an important social determinant of health and a key factor to helping low-income families and individuals lift themselves out of poverty. The Chillicothe Transitional Housing Project will provide specialized housing for low-income families and, by incorporating workforce development programs, will provide them with additional tools needed to succeed on the path to self-sufficiency.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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 that reads "Brad R. Wenstrup". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Brad R. Wenstrup, D.P.M.  
Member of Congress