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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,149,500 in funding for the Safe House for Child Survivors of Sex Trafficking in Maryland in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is TurnAround, Inc., located at 8503 LaSalle Road, Towson, MD 21286. These funds will allow TurnAround Inc. to operationalize Maryland's first Safe House for Child Survivors of Human Trafficking in partnership with the YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will fill a crucial gap in support to survivors of exploitation in Maryland by funding specialized clinical and non-clinical, trauma-informed services for child survivors. The project will expand the range of services available in the state through the operation of a dedicated housing facility that will provide a 24-hour call center, on-site case management, educational offerings, overnight beds and clinical counseling. This will ensure child survivors can access specialized services that meet their needs and support their ability to recover and rebuild after trauma.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 34 U.S.C. 10152. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

John P. Sarbanes

Member of Congress