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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Rural Behavioral Health Services and Workforce Training Center project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Arukah Institute of Healing. The funding would be used for the construction of a 32,000 sq. ft. rural behavioral health services and workforce training center in Princeton, Illinois. The Arukah Institute of Healing serves patients struggling with substance use or mental illness regardless of their ability to pay. The project will allow Arukah to increase rural healthcare services, address the root causes of mental health and substance use, and continue to support the healthcare needs of our rural communities.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 7 U.S. Code section 2250.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darin LaHood".

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress