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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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The Honorable Kay Granger
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

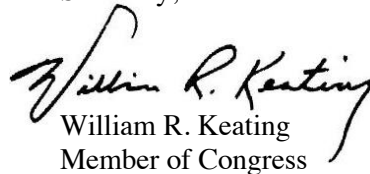
I am requesting \$3,460,000.00 in fiscal year 2023 community project funding for “**Independence House**” located in Barnstable, MA. The entity to receive funding is Independence House, Inc. with offices located at 160 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601.

This funding supports a cost-effective construction of a 2,700 square foot building for Independence House Inc. a resource, counseling, and advocacy center for victims /survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Hyannis MA. The building is replacing a current building which lacks energy efficiency, is not up to building and fire codes for the 21st century; is not 100% ADA compliant; and lacks adequate space and privacy needs for counseling victims/survivors. This building will serve the needs of all domestic and sexual violence victims/survivors in Barnstable County.

This funding is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will support existing partnerships with the Cape & Islands District Attorney’s office and law enforcement agencies through new and expanded services including an ADA compliant accessible food pantry; therapeutic art space to aid healing and enhance well-being; specialized therapeutic spaces to support the mental health and safety needs for adults and children exposed to domestic violence; and specialized tailored therapeutic services to support most underserved survivors/victims including BIPOC victim/survivors and victim/survivors with disabilities.

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

Sincerely,


William R. Keating
Member of Congress