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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, HHS, and Education
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, HHS, and Education
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**Re: Community Project Funding Request for Montgomery County NICU
Families Comprehensive Hospital Partnership**

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$332,275 in funding for Montgomery County NICU Families Comprehensive Hospital Partnership in fiscal year 2023 through the Labor Health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee and Administration for Children and Families.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Today is a Good Day, located at 1108 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, PA 19031.

The funding would be used for expansion of Today is a Good Day's work across all 5 NICUs within the 4th District, including salaries for NICU Family Advocates, a Spanish interpreter, the lease of a Today is a Good Day van to ensure service delivery to hospital partners and families, equipment, supplies, and marketing costs.

Through its active partnerships with Abington, Einstein and Holy Redeemer Hospital Systems and expansion to work with Bryn Mawr and Lankenau Hospitals, Today is a Good Day will expand its vital support to support all families living throughout the 4th District, including residents of Norristown, Cheltenham and Pottstown whose babies are transported to Montgomery County's 5 NICUs.

This is an urgent equity need in my district as a February 2020 Perinatal Periods of Risk (PPOR) Report found that "in Montgomery County, babies of Black/African American women are 2.6 times as likely to die as babies of White women," and "that the greatest racial disparity is among very low birthweight babies (less than 3.3 pounds)".

Families experiencing the NICU face challenges that require the very specific personal and financial support. To meet these, Today is a Good Day brings its knowledge of this experience by providing the exact personal and financial support needed to help families through this

experience. Today is a Good Day provides NICU care packages, direct financial support to cover transportation and other unexpected costs associated with a NICU stay and “Navigate the NICU Sessions” that offer support and connections to families who have previously experienced the NICU.

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 "Madeleine Dean". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress