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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
Room H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Erie County Peer Workforce Demonstration Project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Eric County Department of Health, located at 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York, 14202.

This project will expand Erie County's peer recovery work through the establishment of a demonstration project embedding peers in primary care offices with direct linkages to treatment agencies to increase and improve access to mental health and substance abuse services. A billing structure will be developed and piloted working with local private insurance plans to ensure long term embracement by practices.

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

Sincerely,



Brian Higgins
Member of Congress