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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 9, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Miss Julie's School of Beauty in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Christ for Kids Ministries, Inc., located at 6163 Rush Lima Rd, Rush, NY 14543.

The funding would be used to provide the funds to provide sex trafficking survivors and those at risk with an opportunity to earn a cosmetology license in a restorative setting, and enter into a rewarding career, at no cost to them. Survivors of sex trafficking, referred through safe houses and other organizations, will be enrolled in a 1,000-hour cosmetology program. Legal counsel will help students through the cosmetology board hearings, providing letters of good conduct, if necessary, to overcome any barriers to licensure before beginning the program. Students will receive instruction in the fundamentals of cosmetology, business skills, team building, and independent living. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this program is dedicated to the rehabilitation and care of individuals previously victimized by sex trafficking and involved in the criminal justice system. Eligible survivors are at least 1 year into their recovery, yet they struggle to find gainful employment because of their pasts.

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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph D. Morelle".

Joseph D. Morelle
Member of Congress