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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
H-307 The Capitol
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the You CAN Thrive: Youth Development Project in a Modern, Post-Pandemic World in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Community Action Network, located at 809 Taylor Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

The funding will support CAN's educational programs that seek to meet students' basic and foundational needs by providing a safe, nurturing environment in which all students can eat nutritious meals, play, receive academic assistance, participate in enrichment activities, and develop healthy relationships with peers and adults.

CAN defines basic needs as the minimum resources necessary for long-term physical well-being: comfortable space, access to sanitation, access to sleep, food and safety; foundational needs are defined as the minimum resources necessary for long-term social-emotional and academic well-being: role models, play, internet, creative expression, peer and adult support, consistency.

Ultimately, the goal of CAN's educational programs is to provide the educational and social-emotional support that youth need to become well-adjusted, self-sufficient adults and reach their highest potential.

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

Sincerely,



Debbie Dingell
Member of Congress