

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

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I am requesting funding for the Missing and Anti-Trafficking Youth Services (MATYS) Program at Project Harmony in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Nebraska Board of Regents for the University of Nebraska at Omaha, located at 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, NE 68583-0745. The funding would be used to pay for the time and expertise of the research team conducting the outcome evaluation and implementing recommendations by (i) modifying agency data collection systems and corresponding trainings based on the findings and (ii) supporting personnel to assist in data collection/management/organization within agencies for future analyses. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Missing and Anti-Trafficking Youth Services (MATYS) Program at Project Harmony addresses the unique needs of Nebraska children who have experienced or are at-risk for exploitation.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 34 U.S.C. §§ 10151 – 10158.

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress