

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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May 2, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Porchlight Family Justice Center in Jefferson County, Colorado, in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Porchlight Family Justice Center, located on 11100 W. 8th Avenue, Suite 200, in Lakewood, CO, 80215.

This project will fund the lease obligation and four direct-service salary positions for Porchlight Family Justice Center, which serves victims of crime. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it improves support for families experiencing violence and trauma by centralizing services, consolidating the intake process across providers, and providing navigation support to allow families to focus on healing by creating a positive pathway forward. Recognizing the cyclical nature of family violence, PorchLight provides numerous supports for children throughout the Center including child advocacy, safe parenting support groups, child therapy, and drop-in childcare. By bringing multiple community and government services together in one safe location to serve victims of crime, more citizens will take advantage of the services offered. When services are used, people are more likely to heal from their trauma. PorchLight intervention has a ripple effect in the community: when incidents of family violence are reduced, education opportunities increase for those involved, employment and job performance improves, victims and their children see improved physical and emotional health and reach financial independence and self-sufficiency.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, 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 black ink, reading "Brittany Pettersen", written over a horizontal line.

Brittany Pettersen

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