

**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  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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May 2, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Cripple Creek A Place for Kids Childcare Center in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Cripple Creek, Colorado located at 337 E Bennet Avenue, Cripple Creek, CO 80813.

The funding would be used for the construction of a new child care facility in Cripple Creek, Colorado. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the new childcare facility will be an essential community facility for Cripple Creek, Colorado and the entire 197 square mile area of Southern Teller County that it will serve. There are no licensed childcare centers in the community which creates a safety and an economic issue for Cripple Creek. Expanding access to childcare will working families to maintain employment.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



Brittany Pettersen  
Member of Congress