

**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 Bright Start's New Childcare Center as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Morning Star Child Care located at 328 W. 5th Street, Leadville, CO 80461.

The funding would be used for the acquisition of land for and the construction of a new Bright Start childcare center in Leadville, Colorado . This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would expand childcare capacity in Leadville, Colorado and by doing so would address a critical shortage of early childhood learning opportunities and childcare to allow parents and caregivers to maintain employment and contribute to the local economy. The project prioritizes low-income families in a county where existing childcare infrastructure meets only 25% of demand, aligning with USDA RD's emphasis on underserved communities.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brittany Pettersen", written over a horizontal line.

Brittany Pettersen  
Member of Congress