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March 27, 2026

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

The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

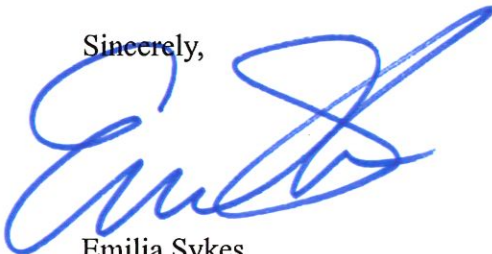
I am requesting \$4,000,000 in funding for the Stark County Family Justice Center project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Stark County Board of Commissioners located at 110 Central Plaza S. Suite 240, Canton, Ohio 44702. The funding would be used to purchase and renovate an existing building to launch a Family Justice Center in Stark County that provides coordinated, wraparound services in one safe and compassionate location for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and abuse. This building will be a place to co-locate identified project partners in one location, implement a shared intake system that is survivor led and allows communication and coordination of services, provide civil legal services, and increase knowledge, understanding and participation in the criminal justice system.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will centralize and co-locate existing victim and witness services for easier access.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Emilia Sykes
Member of Congress