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May 10, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 for the Three Rivers Recovery Housing project, a transitional housing project that will provide the final lift for people coming out of substance use disorder treatment facilities. The entity to receive funding for this project is Benton County, located at 7122 W Okanogan Place, Suite E330, Kennewick, WA 99336.

The funding would be used to convert a portion of the old Kennewick General Hospital into residential apartments for transitional housing to ensure safe and stable housing exists for people coming out of treatment facilities to ensure a smooth re-entry into the community. Benton County is in the process of developing a comprehensive behavioral health recovery program that will serve its residents and those in the surrounding region and this project will help residents achieve lifelong recovery and avoid homelessness that often plagues people recovering from substance use disorders.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help reduce recidivism rates and the number of people continually seeking treatment for substance use disorders. There will also be long term reductions in criminal justice costs and healthcare costs as a result of the services this project will provide as clean and sober residents integrate back into the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Newhouse".

Dan Newhouse
Member of Congress