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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Washington County Crisis Stabilization Unit in the Fiscal Year 2022 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Washington County Health Department, located at 1302 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

If awarded, the funding will be used to create three crisis stabilization beds at Meritus Medical Center for a maximum length of stay of 48 hours with medically assisted treatment started and a warm handoff to community peer support and providers. Currently, Washington County has no crisis beds or observation level of care for behavioral health (substance use disorder and/or mental health diagnosis). The gap perpetuates the cycle of relapse, emergency department visits, hospitalization and overdose fatalities. The Crisis Stabilization concept has been identified as a community need and has been widely supported by Meritus Medical Center, the Washington County Health Department, Governor Hogan's Opioid Operational Command Center, and the local City and County government and community organizations.

I certify that neither I nor any member of my immediate family has any financial interests in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Trone', written over a light blue horizontal line.

David Trone  
Member of Congress