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April 25, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$700,000 in funding for the Refugee Mobile Health Clinics in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bay Area Community Health, 40910 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538.

The funding would be used to expand health care services to faith-based organizations within California Congressional District 15. BACH is proposing to enhance its current program by providing expanded primary medical and behavioral health care and support (enabling) services through a mobile health clinic to refugees individuals within District 15.

Bay Area Community Health (BACH) ensures access to high-quality, culturally competent, and trauma-informed care to the most highly disadvantaged populations in Fremont, California which is home to the largest population of Afghan Americans. As mental health disorders are highly stigmatized, IPV is common, stress, worry, and anxiety about family in Afghanistan is high, BACH opted for routine screening for mental health conditions by utilizing PHQ-9, GAD-7 and relationship safety screening protocols.

The city of Fremont is one of the most diverse cities in Northern California and has the largest Afghan population in the US with as many as 30,000 living in the area. Fremont also has one of the largest Southeast Asian Indian, Chinese, and also home to one of the largest Afghan populations outside of Afghanistan. BACH will be able to provide healthcare and other social service support to the relocated refugee families.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Eric Swalwell

Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress