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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for People Inc. in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is People Inc., located at 1219 N. Forest Road, Williamsville, NY 14221.

The funding would be used to build on People Inc.'s successful telehealth program to expanded vulnerable populations including lower-income seniors, disabled individuals living outside of a congregate care setting, and Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing individuals in partnership with affiliate Deaf Access Services. Through an effective nurse triage and virtual patient assessment program, the right health care can be accessed visually without added expense and delay, and can be used to better manage acute and chronic conditions and lead to better health outcomes accessed more equitably without barriers and delivered with a more responsible use of taxpayer dollars. The benefits of telehealth in terms of personal wellness and smart public expenditure have been well-documented, but our community's shared recent experience in the face of the two-year COVID-19 pandemic presents the most vivid and logical case for this model of care.

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

Sincerely,



Brian Higgins
Member of Congress