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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the 2-1-1 Program in Fiscal Year 2022. This request is for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation account in the Homeland Security subcommittee. The entity to receive funding for the project is the CO Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, located at 9195 E Mineral Ave. Ste 200, Centennial, CO 80112.

Colorado's Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is seeking \$750,000 for technology and infrastructure upgrades.. 2-1-1 Colorado provides border-to-border coverage of Colorado. Its staff of highly trained bilingual Navigators connect individuals to 8,000 services within the 2-1-1 database, including for food, housing, rent/utility add, emergency shelter, clothing, transportation assistance, substance abuse treatment, child care, senior services, medical and dental care, and many other services. With the funding, the Colorado's Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security can ensure that 2-1-1 has the infrastructure needed to quickly deploy in the event of a disaster to best mitigate risks for Colorado citizens, including an estimated 10,000 Coloradans in the Sixth Congressional District.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. As the first impacts of COVID-19 were felt across the state, 2-1-1's four contact centers quickly expanded their capacity to respond to more than 2,000 calls a day at the height of the pandemic. In addition to responding to calls, 2-1-1 Colorado has added extensive pandemic-related resources to its website and has leveraged partnerships to register and host COVID-19 vaccine clinics, demonstrating its ability to support critical services to address urgent needs. This funding will ensure that 2-1-1 Colorado has a strong support system and infrastructure in place for Coloradans impacted by future emergencies.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Crow".

Jason Crow
Member of Congress