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Congress of the United States
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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 At-Risk Intervention and Mentoring Program at UCHealth in Fiscal Year 2022. This request is for the Mental Health Account under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The entity to receive funding for the project is UCHealth Trauma Services, located at 12401 East 17th Avenue, Aurora, CO 80045.

UCHealth Trauma Services is seeking \$450,040 to continue and expand the At-Risk Intervention and Mentoring Program, a recently piloted hospital-based violence intervention program (HVIP) that identifies patients at risk of repeat violent injury and utilizes the “teachable moment” to link them with hospital and community-based resources aimed at addressing underlying risk factors for violence. The program utilizes culturally competent outreach workers to connect with patients in the hospital and follow them into the community for wrap-around services, such as mental health. Addressing mental health needs, including diagnosis and service connection, is critical to the success of the HVIP model, especially since mental health issues can emerge or compound after injury. In addition to mental health, wraparound services include education, resources for job training and acquisition, and interfacing with the criminal justice system.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. By providing support at a critical juncture, hospital-based violence intervention programs can reduce community violence and improve individual outcomes.

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', written over a white background.

Jason Crow
Member of Congress