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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver (BGCMD) Congressional District 6 Clubs in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Innovation and Improvement account under the Department of Education. The entity to receive funding for the project is the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver located at 2017 W 9th Ave, Denver, CO 80204.

The Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver (BGMCD) is seeking \$1,212,062 to support after school programming. BGCMD plays a significant role in the upbringing and well-being of 4,000 Aurora youth served annually through age-appropriate programming such as Power Hour providing one-on-one support with homework; Accelerated Reader and myON for literacy; STEM-based learning; cultural arts; sports leagues; leadership programs; outdoor education; nutrition; field trips and events. In order to retain high-caliber employees trained in youth development, BGMCD is planning to use a portion of the funding to invest in their team members. This includes increasing certain part-time staff into full-time — in turn allowing greater support for students throughout their day-school learning. The funding will also be used for programming and services.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as afterschool programming is an essential need for many working families, yet accessing these programs is difficult, especially for the BGCMD families where over 90% represent underserved or historically marginalized communities. This project would provide high-quality afterschool programming and help close the achievement gap.

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