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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 request funding for the Black Health Initiative Infant Prematurity and Infant Mortality Project at Children's Hospital Colorado in Fiscal Year 2022. This request is for the Health Professions Education and Workforce Development Program under the Health Resources Services Administration. The entity to receive funding for the project is Children's Hospital Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus located at 13123 E 16th Ave, Aurora, CO 80045.

Children's Hospital Colorado is seeking \$498,859 to conceptualize and pilot programs to address infant mortality, in direct collaboration with Black families and community members. This project consists of two key efforts: 1) peer-to-peer support for Black moms and 2) simulated scenario training for providers. First, Children's Colorado's Pediatric Mental Health Institute (PMHI) will design and pilot a facilitated (by a racially concordant provider along with a racially concordant peer mentor) perinatal mental health mom-to-mom peer support group that is culturally responsive, safe, welcoming, and uniquely inclusive to Black women and their babies. Second, Children's Hospital Colorado has partnered with the Center for Advancing Professional Excellence (CAPE) within the University of Colorado School of Medicine to develop provider trainings that immerse providers in simulated scenarios developed by community members. These trainings will highlight the challenges that Black women face in clinical settings and bridge the gaps that can result in negative patient experiences and poor patient outcomes.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. As Congress works to combat these racial disparities, it is important that we rely on innovative solutions to train providers and support families. These initiatives aim to equip providers with the skills necessary to deliver culturally responsive care and address racial disparities in infant mortality.

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

Sincerely,

Jason Crow
Member of Congress