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The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
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The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright:

I am requesting \$1,500,000 for the Children's Hospital at Erlanger, Pediatric Abuse and Advocacy Resource Center located at 975 East 3rd Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403. Erlanger Children's seeks funding support to bolster this critical service, aiming to expand its resources through additional staffing allowing for complex case coordination. This would encompass the recruitment of a part-time pediatrician, a nurse practitioner/physician assistant, and a case coordinator/social worker, all dedicated to addressing the needs of abused children. This additional staffing would be dedicated to this space and not only fortifies the existing services but also enables the current staff to enhance and further develop the system's current services in this space, potentially extending assistance to a larger number of children in need. Erlanger Children's has long supported the needs of this vulnerable patient population and would expect funding to ensure the ongoing and longstanding viability of this resource.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann
Member of Congress