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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-310, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-130, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1.5 million in Community Project Funds to the United Way of Greater Chattanooga for an expansion of their 2-1-1 system to include a jobs line for economic development. This initiative is intended to drive economic development by addressing the needs of employers in the Chattanooga, Tennessee MSA, which are experiencing challenges in filling vacant workforce positions. Additionally, established major employers are exploring expansion of existing facilities and need access to a larger trained and skilled workforce. Updating and expanding the 2-1-1 call system will connect unemployed and under-employed individuals with job training, social service supports, and employers. The request is eligible under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and/or 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4)). The request is for the installation of technological improvements to our 211 system, which provides services to the general public. Additionally, the program has a close federal nexus to the Workforce Opportunity and Innovation Act (WIOA) (29 U.S.C. Chapters 32 and 33) because the Jobs-Line will connect individuals with WIOA training programs. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann  
Member of Congress