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The Honorable David E. Price
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, Urban
Development and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, Urban
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

I am requesting funding for construction of a domestic violence shelter serving women in the northern suburbs of Chicago. The entity to receive funding for this project is YWCA Evanston/North Shore, 1215 Church Street, Evanston, IL 60201

The funding would be used to help fund construction of YWCA's new Family Support Center for Survivors of Domestic Violence. This new shelter will replace an outdated facility that served for many years as a lifeline that has for years served over 250 women facing domestic violence annually.

The new support center will house a two-floor residential shelter, a third floor dedicated to the delivery of community-based domestic violence services, and a floor for all additional YWCA staff. Improvements in the new structure include increased security, a private and enclosed play area for children, dedicated computer access for residents 24/7, 23 rooms (up from 11 in the original shelter) and an overall occupancy increase to 66 from 32. YWCA has done amazing work in this field for many years, and this new shelter will help them serve individuals in need more effectively.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Jan Schakowsky
Member of Congress