Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for a Crisis Intervention Team in Forsyth County in fiscal year 2022. The project sponsor is the Forsyth County Government located at 10 East Main Street Cumming GA 30040.

Funding for the Crisis Intervention Team will be used to address issues that the average person lacks the training to effectively respond to, especially behavioral health crises which often lead to unnecessary incarcerations, injury or death of the person suffering the crisis. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

1. Reducing the number of people booked into jails who have mental illnesses.
2. Shortening the length of stay in jails for people who have mental illnesses.
3. Increasing availability of treatment for people who have mental illnesses and reducing recidivism rates for people who have mental illnesses.

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

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Bourdeaux
Member of Congress