



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Dolly Parton Imagination Library in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is United Way of Titusville Region, located at 11634 North Perry Road Titusville, PA 16354.

The funding would be used to provide children with books through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to give children the key components of emerging literacy skills needed to prepare for Kindergarten and for later in life. The Early Learners Success Initiative components have the goal to improve school readiness, increase graduation rates, and improve family financial stability in our region. Studies have shown that early learning intervention has the following outcomes: gains in emotional or cognitive development for the child; improvements in educational process and outcomes for the child; increases economic self-sufficiency; higher income, and lower welfare usage; reduced levels of criminal activity; and improvements in health-related indicators.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly
Member of Congress