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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Ready to Succeed Scholarship Program in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Ready to Succeed, located at 1514 17<sup>th</sup> Street #201, Santa Monica, CA 90404.

This funding would allow Ready to Succeed (RTS) to expand programming for college-going foster youth from Los Angeles by providing an annual scholarship for all RTS foster youth participants. In just six years, RTS has become a robust \$3 million college success and career accelerator organization with 200 foster youth and first-generation college student program participants and 100 alumni. Program participants have beat the odds and achieved the following: 90% graduate college within 4.5 years, 92% secure a job within 6 months of graduation and 95% say they can envision a bright future for the first time. This funding to launch a scholarship program will help RTS increase program enrollment by 15% and reach even more foster youth looking to complete college and lead a fulfilling life.

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

Sincerely,

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