



Congress of the United States House of Representatives

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Stop it Now! Child Abuse Prevention Program project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Stop it Now!, located at 351 Pleasant Street, Northampton, MA 01060. The funding would be used to increase Stop it Now!'s capacity to prevent child sexual abuse. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase awareness, availability, and effectiveness of a helpline that provides families and individuals with support and access to resources through live consultations through phone, chat, text, and email. They will also offer training for youth-serving organizations and parents to empower adults to take protective actions, prevent harm from occurring, and respond to early warning signs of sexual abuse.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress