

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 31, 2023

Chairwoman Kay Granger  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
House Appropriations Committee  
2313 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Perry County Literacy Council's expanded facility in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Perry County Literacy Council, located at 133 S. 5th St., P.O. Box 37, Newport, PA 17074. The funding will be used for the new Perry County Literacy Council Education, Advocacy, and Support Campus.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because currently PCLC's building has office space for one Social Support Coordinator. Over the past 3 years, PCLC estimates an increase of 75% in the social service needs of citizens. Due to this increase, PCLC requires more office space so a second Social Support Coordinator can be hired to assist with service implementation and client follow-up. In January 2023, PCLC had 52 students enrolled in its on-site GED® program. Classes meet 4 days and 2 evenings per week. Of the 52 students, at least half require individualized tutoring. Currently, PCLC does not have enough designated space to meet the demand for individualized tutoring, nor does it have the capacity for two classes to meet simultaneously.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Joyce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly legible.

John Joyce, M.D.

Member of Congress