April 28, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Skip-A-Long Rock Island Campus in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is SAL Family and Community Services, located at 3800 Avenue of the Cities, STE 108, Moline, IL 61265.

The funding would be used to expand early childhood education in one of the most impoverished areas of Rock Island, IL, by building a new, unique, state-of-the-art intergenerational Skip-a-Long campus to serve more students and provide them with a high-quality early learning experience.

This project will benefit the education, safety, health, and long-term well-being of Rock Island children and families by providing a modern and secure facility that supports play and learning in a calm, welcoming environment. Intergenerational programming and a nature explorer classroom will provide unique learning opportunities not available elsewhere in the community and in few places across the country.

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

Sincerely,

Cheri Bustos
Member of Congress