April 27, 2022

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the below community project in fiscal year 2023 (FY23):

**Name:** Building an Inclusive Health Care Workforce: Lifting Underrepresented Residents into Health Care Careers

**Amount Requested:** $1,300,000

**Recipient:** Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County, Inc.

**Recipient Address:** 8757 Georgia Avenue, 10th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910

**Purpose:** The Building an Inclusive Health Care Workforce program builds a culturally and linguistically competent health care workforce that mirrors our diverse community. The program addresses the high demand for more staff and supports economic empowerment for under-employed residents. The program will increase ongoing student capacity by expanding health sciences laboratory spaces and developing hospital partnerships for clinical education sites. Outreach and wrap-around services will support the student pipeline, and educational and employment success.

**Justification:** This proposal offers low or no-cost training that allows new entrants to join the workforce and launch a career as the health care professionals we all need. Engaging underrepresented residents will create a more inclusive workforce, capable of offering culturally-appropriate care to a wider range of residents—while navigating trainees toward thriving careers. *Building an Inclusive Health Care Workforce: Lifting Underrepresented Residents into Health Care Careers* will prepare 200 new health care professionals in much-needed roles. This program represents the potential for a one-time investment to have long-lasting benefits: trainees who become essential healthcare workers and a community college with additional training lab resources for future workers across multiple healthcare disciplines.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.
Very truly yours,

Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress