April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for New Jersey’s 800.4.AUTISM Helpline in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the operator of the Helpline, Autism New Jersey, which is located at 500 Horizon Drive Suite 530, Robbinsville, New Jersey, 08691.

The funding would be used to hire three additional staff members including another Spanish speaker, an administrative assistant, and a data/technology coordinator ($156,000). In addition to the human resources provided by this Community Project, the Helpline would also be in a position to upgrade their hardware and software—new computers, phones, and teleconferencing software for important face to face conversations—as well as make website enhancements including translating more of their content into Spanish ($40,000).

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

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress