

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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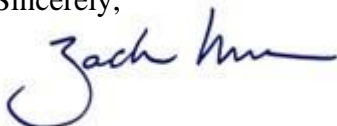
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting that the Appropriations Committee provide a funding level of \$2,500,000 for the Vision Atlantic Child Development Center as a community project funding request in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Vision Atlantic Inc. The funding would be used for building a new child development center that will accommodate up to 300 kids ages 0-7 years old for childcare as well as house two preschool classrooms. This will provide childcare services to hundreds of families who are unable to find childcare at this time. The childcare facility in our community is currently full and has over sixty children on a waiting list. The Childcare Resource and Referral has deemed Atlantic and Cass County as a Childcare Desert. This facility will address the current and future needs of childcare in Atlantic and the surrounding communities. This child development center will provide a much needed resource so that employers can hire a stable workforce that have children that have a spot and are well cared for.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is authorized under Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



Rep. Zach Nunn (IA-03)