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Dear Committee Members,

Cornerstone Advocacy Service provides comprehensive services for adults and youth who experience domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, and crime. The Youth Intervention Programs grant has been a vital resource for Cornerstone's work with youth. Our staff members are embedded in middle and high schools where they provide one-on-one support to students by helping them navigate abusive situations, develop healthy coping skills, and create plans to reach their goals. We also provide prevention education in school classrooms where we teach and lead discussions on healthy relationships, productive communication, and bystander intervention. Additionally, Cornerstone staff facilitates support groups on healthy relationships where students can find support from their peers and learn about boundaries, consent, and how to avoid abusive behaviors.

The Youth Intervention Programs grant has made it possible for Cornerstone to continue this important work, especially as funding for our youth services is difficult to come by. Without this grant, our work and reach would be severely diminished.

Cornerstone fully supports the funding of the Youth Intervention Programs grant (HF 2362). Our work makes a difference in the lives of youth, and the YIP grant makes our work possible.

Sincerely,

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