

# United States Senate

## Washington, D.C. 20510

January 25, 2024

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Chair  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Baldwin and Ranking Member Capito:

We write to request a technical correction for a Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) project included in the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) appropriations bill. We certify that neither we nor our immediate families has a pecuniary interest in any of the Congressionally Directed Spending items that we have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. We certify that the entity for which we have requested CDS funding is not a for-profit entity.

The Empowering Sex Traffic Survivors project aims to provide workforce and career development skills training to survivors of commercial sex exploitation and sex trafficking, thereby elevating survivors' marketable skills and help set them on a trajectory of success. In August 2023, the Avery Center's board unexpectedly voted to dissolve the organization. One of the co-founders of the Avery Center, who helped develop the CDS proposal, is the Executive Director of the Social Research Lab at the University of Northern Colorado and we are confident that the institution is capable of carrying out the mission of the CDS proposal at the lab.

We request the LHHS appropriations bill be updated to reflect the below technical correction:

**Account:** Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration

**Project Title:** Empowering Sex Traffic Survivors

**Project Purpose (as originally requested in Legi-Mate):**

The Avery Center (TAC) has developed an Economic Empowerment Program (EEP) that offers liveable wage employment while receiving on-the-job training to survivors of commercial sex exploitation (CSE) and sex trafficking (ST). This program offers training opportunities to elevate ST survivors' marketable skills to set them on a trajectory to increase long-term success, higher earning potential, and ultimately to fill gaps in the anti-trafficking movement. Survivors will learn skills in research, data analysis, public speaking, and professional report and manuscript writing. This program promotes a skilled workforce and supports law enforcement in addressing human trafficking.

**Organization:**

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Thank you for your consideration of this technical correction request. Please alert our offices if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet  
United States Senator



John Hickenlooper  
United States Senator