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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for **Pipers to Professionals Program** in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Hamline University** located at 1536 Hewitt Avenue, Saint Paul, MN, 55104. The funding would be used to provide our underserved students with wrap-around support services while they engage in a paid internship to most effectively promote student development for professional employment. Internships are one semester in length and include a minimum of 120 hours of each student's committed time. Students earn four credits for completing an internship of this length, which is often paired with a capstone course. This pairing provides opportunities for knowledge growth, as well as technical and soft skills development. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty McCollum".

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress