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Ms. Emma Hertz Montgomery County Recovery Office One Montgomery Plaza, Sixth Floor P.O. Box 311 Norristown, PA 19404

**RE:** Letter of Support – Along the Way's Pandemic Recovery Funds Application

Dear Ms. Hertz:

I write in support of Along the Way's Pandemic Recovery Funds application to Montgomery County. The Requested funding will be used to address the urgent need for childcare for those in most need.

We are facing a child-care crisis in this nation and the prohibitive cost of childcare has a disproportionate impact on some of the most vulnerable in our community: single parents with limited income. Along the Way seeks to help this vulnerable population — including many who have had to overcome trauma, prejudice, or violence — by providing flexible child-care services and thereby removing barriers to work and educational opportunities.

My staff and I have had the privilege of working with Along the Way and have personally seen the life-changing effect that this organization has had on members of our community. This funding would allow them to grow their program, be a model for others, and bring more people out of the cycle of poverty to set them on the path to success that they and their families deserve.

I request that a copy of this letter be added in support of full and fair consideration of Along the Way's application. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Dean

Member of Congress

Pennsylvania's 4th Congressional District

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