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Honorable Rep. Abney, Chair  
House Finance Committee  
House of Representatives  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,000,000 to the Elisha Project.

The Elisha Project has been a strong community partner during my tenure as Mayor. Through the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Central Falls was amongst the most hard-hit communities. Many of our residents were severely affected and did not have access to everyday essentials like food, clothing, hygiene products and household supplies. This need was met through the generous donations and service on behalf of the Elisha Project.

Our office of Constituent Services and Health continues to reach families each day that do not have food access and supply their needs through the Elisha projects food and toiletry bags. This resource makes all the difference for our residents. The Elisha project has provided over 2,000 toiletry bags and hosted food distribution events that served hundreds of families. I know that the Elisha Project makes good on their mission to serve communities in need with dignity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Maria Rivera