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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Washington, DC 20201-0001

Dear Secretary Sebelius,

I write in support of the application submitted by the Learning Web for funding from the Transitional Living Program (TLP) through the Department of Health and Human Services. This funding will be used to provide housing and support services.

The Learning Web is located in Ithaca, NY and has been serving community for 42 years. The Learning Web provides youth services that include career readiness programs for middle and high school students, including outreach that includes assistance with housing stabilization, education completion, employment skills, and life skills.

The requested funding will be used to expand the capacity of their current TLP program to accommodate an additional 14 homeless youths annually. The program will include support, supervision and oversight by the Learning Web to assist homeless youths with obtaining independent housing and developing life skills. Residents are assigned a case manager to help them develop and achieve goals toward self-sufficiency. Residents are expected to contribute to a savings account that is returned to them when they successfully complete the program. Graduates of the program can access personal support from staff whenever needed even after formal aftercare ends.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Andrew Usyk at (202) 224-4451

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senator