

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 23, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for MorseLife's Western Palm Beach County Workforce Training program in the fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is MorseLife Health System, located at 4847 David S. Mack Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33417.

MorseLife's Western Palm Beach Workforce Training Program will marry the severe employment needs in Western Palm Beach County (Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay) with the growing personnel needs of the non-profit Health Care System, MorseLife, dedicated to providing care to frail seniors. The funding request is to support trainers, curriculum materials, mentors, and transportation to this underserved population.

Currently, there is a national crisis in the nursing industry. The healthcare worker shortage has reached an equally critical situation in western Palm Beach County, an area characterized by high levels of unemployment and a myriad of social problems. This project directly targets this community by providing two distinct employment pathways, one in clinical services and the other in hospitality. The program embraces the concept that employment is the best route to escape the cycle of poverty.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20)
Member of Congress