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May 6, 2019

Mr. Harold B. Parker
Federal Co-Chair
Northern Border Regional Commission
53 Pleasant Street, Suite 1202
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Turning Points Network's Request for NBRC Grant

Dear Mr. Parker,

I write in strong support of Turning Points Network's application for Fiscal Year 2019 Grants from the Northern Border Regional Commission to help fund the Network's new location in Claremont. For over four decades, Turning Points has served as the only service provider primarily focused on supporting survivors of domestic and sexual abuse in Sullivan County, New Hampshire. I am well-acquainted with Turning Points and have seen first-hand the incredible impact their shelter and 24-hour support services have had on the 900-1000 survivors they serve each year.

Through their diligent work, Turning Points has demonstrated the effectiveness of taking a holistic approach to helping survivors move forward with their lives in the aftermath of abuse. With their Economic Empowerment Program, Turning Points assists survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence in becoming independent, self-sufficient and engaged contributors to the community and local economy. I applaud Turning Points for undertaking this important endeavor and helping survivors come up with comprehensive life plans for safe, affordable housing, employment and continuing education or career advancement, as well as building their financial literacy skills. This grant funding from the Northern Border Regional Commission will help establish a primary office space in the new Broad Street location for the Economic Empowerment Program, including a multi-use teaching area to hold program classes for survivors. Turning Points' proven track record of supporting survivors and providing critical assistance to New Hampshire families would be greatly enhanced through this grant opportunity.

As the founder and co-chair of the Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence, I've advocated for policies that work to prevent sexual violence and help survivors. The economic empowerment of survivors not only helps them and their families, but also strengthens the health and wellbeing of the entire community. Approving this application will have a tangible and lasting impact for countless survivors for many years to come in western New Hampshire. If I can do anything more to help with Turning Points' application process, please do not hesitate to contact Sam Cooper-Wall in my office at (202) 225-5206. Please keep my staff updated as you proceed with this process.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann McLane Kuster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Member of Congress

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