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Ms. Sharon Elliott
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U.S. Department of Justice
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RE: OVW-2019-15805, Application #296084

Dear Ms. Elliott,

I write in strong support of Turning Points Network's application for Fiscal Year 2019 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program funding. 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 find security and reestablish their lives in the aftermath of abuse. That includes housing security, childcare, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and food and fuel assistance. I applaud Turning Points' collaboration with the Sullivan County community, and this grant funding from the Office of Violence Against Women will assist Turning Points in further cementing key resources that give survivors the footing to ultimately achieve financial independence. I am deeply impressed by both the thoroughness and thoughtfulness of Turning Points' three-year plan for this grant funding. Turning Points' proven track record of helping 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 availability of safe, affordable housing not only supports survivors and families who call these places home, but also strengthens the health of the entire community. The approval of this application will have a tangible and lasting impact for countless survivors 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".

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