

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Jason Crow
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The Honorable Ed Perlmutter
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Dear Congressman Crow, Congressman Perlmutter, and Congressman Neguse:

In Adams County, we care about domestic violence victims, but we do not always have the resources and tools to properly serve them. This lack of resources can lead to severe – even lethal – consequences. As one of the fastest growing counties in the United States, the need for domestic violence services is great and the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this problem even further.

The proposal Adams County Government and Judicial District 17 have put forward for FY2022 Community Project Funding would provide critical, life-saving services to victims of domestic violence in a consistent, comprehensive manner. The proposal, entitled “Expanding Services to Domestic Violence Victims in Adams County,” would create and fund a multilingual Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT) to regularly assess lethality factors in domestic violence victims and provide critical services and resources to them. This proposal would fund the programmatic and personnel needs necessary to operate the DVHRT and serve victims. This includes legal services in areas of family law, bankruptcy, immigration and criminal prosecution. It would also include assistance with housing, health insurance, counseling, therapy, victim advocacy and childcare.

This proposal would fundamentally and measurably improve how we serve domestic violence victims in Adams County. It would provide consistent, comprehensive and life-saving services and dramatically improve the ability to serve victims of these horrible crimes.

Notably, Adams County and its community partners will address capital and long-term funding moving forward if awarded the earmark appropriation. This additional funding will help to further enhance the expansion of already existing services and increase the resources for victims across the county.

You have been leaders for victims of domestic violence and this proposal aligns with your goals and service to our communities. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,