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Lauren Fischman
Administration for Children and Families
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Children's Bureau
CB Operations Center, c/o LGC, Inc.
1400 Key Boulevard, Suite 900
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RE: Grant application to address Trafficking within the Child Welfare Population (Reference: HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-CA-1179)

Dear Ms. Fischman:

I write regarding the application submitted by Bashpole Software, Inc. for their innovative approach in addressing trafficking within the child welfare population. Bashpole Software, Inc., in partnership with University of California, Los Angeles' Luskin School of Public Affairs and Social Welfare, the University of Southern California's School of Social Work, numerous Los Angeles County departments, including but not limited to the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Probation, and in conjunction with Succeeding Through Achievement and Resilience (STAR) Court is applying for the above-referenced grant.

The purpose is to continue the development of relevant state agencies' response to human trafficking through infrastructure building and a multi-system approach with local law enforcement, juvenile justice, court systems, runaway and homeless youth programs, Children's Justice Act grantees, child advocacy centers, and other necessary service providers. The project will also assist in the implementation of the trafficking provisions of the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act while attempting to improve the ways in which to identify children who are at-risk or victims of being sex trafficked.

I understand the impact this proposal and partnership will create in the child welfare community. I ask that the Administration for Children and Families give this application full and fair consideration. I am confident that the 5-year trajectory of this grant will impact change throughout Los Angeles. If you have any questions, please contact my District Director, Maral Karaccusian (maral@mail.house.gov) in my District Office at 323-965-1422.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Karen Bass
Member of Congress
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