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Mrs. Susan Bernard

Norman, OK 73026-9132

Dear Mrs. Bernard:

Thank you for contacting me regarding funding levels for Adult Education in the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Appropriations bill. I appreciate hearing from you on this important issue.

First, I would like to thank you for sharing the story of Kenneth Ludolph, Jr, and for the work that you are doing to change and enhance people's lives. I appreciate hearing stories about how the work Congress is doing is affecting lives back in the State in such a positive way. Please pass along my congratulations to him on his achievements and award.

As you may know, as Ranking Member on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS), Adult Education programs in the FY20 LHHS bill were funded at a total of \$685.7 million, a \$30 million increase over FY19 levels. In the Senate version, Adult Education programs are funded at \$655.7 million. While the Senate has yet to pass their bill, rest assured I will keep your thoughts in mind once we begin with conference negotiations and finalize the FY20 Appropriations process.

Again, thank you for contacting me. I always appreciate hearing from my fellow Oklahomans. Your input helps me do a better job representing the people of the Fourth District of Oklahoma. If I may ever be of any assistance to either you or your family, please do not hesitate to contact me. I also encourage you to visit my website at [www.house.gov/cole](http://www.house.gov/cole) to keep up with what is happening in Congress, and to learn more about the services my office can provide to the citizens of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

Tom Cole  
Member of Congress