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Subject:	Project Arrow and House Bill 1023

Representatives Elmore and Lambeth,

Since 2018 both of you have given me an audience and listen to my vision for Project Arrow and Family Education Initiative to help students in crisis. Thank you for listening. I came away believing you saw value in our programs to the citizens of NC. I've since shared the success of our program in Granville County and our ambition to expand it to other counties, especially rural North Carolina.

I was also under the impression that there was no funding available for programs like ours until I read about House Bill 1023 passed unanimously which provides $3.5 million to a domestic violence prevention group in Pitt County.

As other NC domestic violence groups struggle, lawmakers gave an "unknown entity" $3.5 million.

Judson Whitehurst gained the funding.

"**He worked hard," she said, "and I guess he talked to the right people."**

House Bill 1023 passed unanimously by both chambers and signed into law by Gov. Cooper on July 1 outlines general appropriations to the Coronavirus Relief Fund. It includes a provision that will provide $3.5 million to a domestic violence prevention group in Pitt County. The bill says the group, Caitlyn's Courage, will conduct a pilot program that will use GPS tracking "as a condition of pretrial release for defendants of crimes related to stalking, sexual assault, domestic abuse, and violations of a domestic violence protective order.

But they are bewildered that so much money has gone to a little-known organization to support a project with no

immediate impact and without a review of whether Caitlyn's Courage is equipped to handle public funds.

Obviously, funding is available. Can you explain and help me understand what is required to be considered for funding? Apparently, there is something I am not doing or representing, and it's important to my organization's success that I know these requirements. If you cannot explain, perhaps you can direct me to someone who can.

As a tireless supporter of conservative family values working in underserved communities in North Carolina, I would like to think there is funding and support for leaders and organizations like mine.

Sincerely,

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