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May __, 2025

Prepared Submission for the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies

Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Support for Continued Federal Funding of the National Technical Assistance Center on Grandfamilies and Kinship Families in FY2027 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations

On behalf of [Organization Name], I am pleased to write this letter in strong support of continued funding for the Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network (Network) — the nation’s only national technical assistance center dedicated to improving how public systems serve kinship and grandfamilies. Our organization has had the privilege of working alongside the Network and benefiting directly from its expertise, resources, and guidance, and we can attest to the meaningful difference it has made in our ability to serve kinship families in our community.

More than 2.4 million children across the United States are being raised by grandparents, other relatives, or close family friends — families that form suddenly and often in the midst of crisis. These grandfamilies and kinship families navigate complex, fragmented systems with little coordinated support. The Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network, operated by Generations United in cooperation with the U.S. Administration for Community Living, was established as the National Technical Assistance Center on Grandfamilies and Kinship Families to address this gap by helping agencies and community-based organizations better identify, reach, and serve these families.

Since the Network’s launch in fall 2021, our organization has experienced its impact firsthand. [Customize: e.g., “The Network provided us with tailored technical assistance that helped us strengthen our kinship navigator program and better align our services with evidence-based practices.” / “Being recognized as an Exemplary Program by the Network has elevated our visibility, strengthened our credibility with funders, and allowed us to share our replicable practices with peers across the country.” / “The Network connected us with subject matter experts and peer programs whose guidance

directly informed how we built our program infrastructure.”] We are a stronger program and better positioned to serve families because of the Network’s support.

The Network’s value extends well beyond any single organization or state. By serving as a national hub for knowledge-sharing, peer learning, and cross-system coordination, the Network helps ensure that effective kinship practices are not siloed but spread. Its resources — such as practical toolkits, training opportunities, and Exemplary Program profiles — allow organizations like ours to accelerate implementation of proven approaches without duplicating effort or reinventing the wheel. The Network’s reach across aging, child welfare, Tribal programs, housing, education, and other systems makes it uniquely positioned to drive the kind of coordinated, consistent service delivery that kinship families need and deserve.

We strongly urge the Committee to include \$2 million for the National Technical Assistance Center on Grandfamilies and Kinship Families in the Labor-HHS Appropriations bill. Its work is cost-effective, nationally significant, and irreplaceable. Without this infrastructure, states, Tribes, territories, and community organizations would be left to navigate a complex landscape of federal policy and evolving evidence-based practices without the trusted guidance and coordination the Network provides. Continued funding ensures that kinship families — who are already doing extraordinary work in their communities — receive the support they need and deserve.

Thank you for your consideration. We are grateful for the Network’s partnership and proud to stand in support of its continued work. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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