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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

Pursuant to the processes outlined by the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations and the U.S. House of Representatives, I am requesting funding for “Arena Players Incorporated Capital Improvements” in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arena Players Incorporated (API), located at 801 McCulloh Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

The proposed \$4,000,000 would be used to “include comprehensive renovations and upgrades to the organization’s current three-story home, which is a cherished pillar not only within the Baltimore community, but beloved by the national and international community. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because API has a proud history of community service and outstanding dramatic achievements. Its work as a space for intercultural exchange and preservation is only possible through the use of its historic building. Involvement in Arena Players has a reciprocal value and experiences are self-rewarding. Located on the Westside of Baltimore and couched between two low-income housing complexes (McCulloh Homes and Orchard Mews), Arena Players Incorporated has always contributed to the cultural growth and well-being of the immediate community. Furthermore, 80% of the participants in the organization’s 55-year-old Youth Theatre Program come from low income and under resourced communities. The organization’s primary patron base is predominately African American, and most live and work in Baltimore City and/or the five surrounding counties.”

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kweisi Mfume". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Kweisi Mfume  
Member of  
Congress