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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:

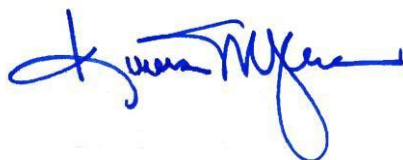
Pursuant to the processes outlined by the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations and the U.S. House of Representatives, I am requesting funding for the “Druid Heights Maggie Quille Center” in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Druid Heights Community Development Corporation (DHCDC), located at 2140 McCulloh Street, Baltimore, MD 21217.

The proposed \$1,500,000 would be used to “assist with the total renovation of the Druid Heights Maggie Quille Center to increase the services and programs within the Druid Heights community. The Druid Heights Community Development Corporation (DHCDC) is a local non-profit community center which provides public space for outreach services, housing counseling, housing development, and local programming. This program is a good use of taxpayer funds because the DHCDC is a grass-root, residents-driven and community-focused organization that is committed to leadership, community service, and advocating for and supporting the planning and development of improvement projects in the community. In addition, the DHCDC provides youth services that includes after school academic tutoring, homework assistance, and summer camp. The community center is an 8,000 square foot 3 story building that serves as a multipurpose center. The center holds nine (9) offices, two community spaces, a youth programming center, and a computer lab. The community center also consists of two vacant lots that have been transformed into a playground and outside green space. The project will include improvements to the office space and improvements to the green space to include a transformed youth programming center and improved computer lab. In addition, DHCDC is working to include a health component to the center in order to assist with the health and social needs of community residents. With a primary focus on socio-economically disadvantaged youth, adults, and families, the Druid Heights Community Center provides programs and services that promote self-reliance, social and economic well-being, diversity, and community involvement.

The mission of DHCDC is to cause, encourage, and promote community self-empowerment through the development of economic, educational, employment, and affordable housing opportunities. DHCDC works to fulfill their mission through several departments which include real estate, housing counseling, community outreach, and re-entry programs. The community center currently serves as a hub within the Druid Heights community. ”

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", with a stylized, flowing script.

Kweisi Mfume
Member of
Congress