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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for UMBC Laboratory for Flood Risk Impact Assessment and Adaptation in Marginalized Maryland Communities in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, located at 100 Hilltop Cir, Baltimore, Maryland 21250. The \$1,200,000 in funding would be used for establishing the new University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) Laboratory for Flood Risk Impact Assessment and Adaptation in Marginalized Maryland Communities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow UMBC to elucidate the impact of blockbusting and redlining on flood risk in Turner Station and Brooklyn, as well as other marginalized communities, the distribution of funding for flood mitigation projects, and the status of flood risk adaptation strategies at all levels from individual households to the federal government.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Kweisi Mfume  
Member of Congress