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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 “Green & Healthy Homes Baltimore Initiative” in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Green & Health Homes Initiative, Inc., located at 2714 Hudson Street, Baltimore, MD 21224.

The proposed \$2,000,000 would be used to “renovate the houses of 75 low-income families, including children and seniors, in West Baltimore, to make them more energy efficient and safe. Hazardous housing conditions, a key social determinant of health, have put the most vulnerable populations at risk in West Baltimore. Unjust housing policies and practices have created disparities resulting in decades of disinvestment, establishing a legacy of deteriorating housing stock that endangers the health, well-being, safety, and educational attainment of Baltimore City children. With the exacerbation of existing racial inequities in housing conditions during the COVID-19 pandemic, healthy housing services are in even greater need. Justice40-targeted activities will improve social determinants of health and reduce energy and medical costs dramatically for 75 families and seniors. To advance racial equity further, the project will also provide significant workforce development training and employment opportunities for 20 low-income, minority Baltimore City residents who live in the same communities already targeted for services by the Initiative. The results and outcomes of this project will not only advance health and energy equity for the families served, but independent evaluation and outcome analysis will create a blueprint and further evidence base for whole-house interventions to propel a crucial realignment of Baltimore’s cross-sector housing, energy, and healthcare systems.”

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