April 29, 2022

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 “Helping Up Mission Permanent Housing on East Baltimore Street” in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Helping Up Mission (HUM), located at 1029 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

The proposed $1,190,000 would be used to “help develop permanent supportive housing in the historic Jonestown community of Baltimore City for the clients of Helping Up Mission (HUM) who have at least one year of sobriety from substance use disorder. The Helping Up Mission currently has an average of 125 men at any time who have finished the organization’s year-long recovery program but are not able to find affordable permanent housing in a supportive environment, and continue to reside with HUM in the organization’s congregant living facility. HUM would use the community project funding to redevelop the abandoned 1100 E. Baltimore Street property, also known as the Hendler Development site, eliminating a blight on the community and providing affordable permanent housing for their clients seeking to re-enter society as contributing members. The funds requested through this application would be used to support the development of this real property site; specifically, funds would be used for the Pre-Development phase of the project including: site demolition, removal of debris, and grading of the site.”

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

[Signature]

Kweisi Mfume
Member of Congress