April 29, 2022

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 “Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training Community Expansion Project” in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training (MCVET), located at 301 N. High Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

The proposed $3,000,000 would be used to “invest in the renovation and expansion of MCVET’s current workforce and training facility, which will allow the organization to serve more veterans and community residents in need. This upgrade is crucial to Maryland’s economic success and the communities’ well-being. MCVET’s Community Expansion Project program will produce even more skilled residents with industry-recognized certifications in empowering careers that can give them a real chance at economic success. The upgraded facilities will include a cutting edge commercial kitchen for culinary arts training, a computer lab to facilitate in-demand Information Technology trainings, state-partnered and licensed Community Health Worker trainings, a high-tech automotive training facility, and a host of classrooms geared towards providing hands-on, collaborative support. Graduation from these comprehensive and skills-focused training programs will help Marylanders step into “living wage” jobs with life-long skills. This training facility will help address homelessness and unemployment within Maryland communities.”

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

Kweisi Mfume
Member of Congress