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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Renew and Reopen: A Program to Rehabilitate Vacant Properties for Neighborhood Revitalization in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Greater Baybrook Alliance, Inc. located at 3430 2nd Street, Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21225. The funding would be used to support the renovation of a vacant Bank of America branch that was donated to the community in 2022, transforming it into a permanent office space. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will generate positive economic activity for existing businesses and spur the repurposing of vacant properties in the surrounding commercial corridors.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Kweisi Mfume Member of Congress