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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 Committee on Appropriations and the U.S. House of Representatives, I am requesting funding for "National Great Blacks In Wax Museum Capital Renovation and Facility Infrastructure Upgrade" in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is National Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Inc., located at 1601-03 East North Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213.

The proposed \$2,008,580 would be used to "help fund infrastructure rehabilitation and upgrades and improvements to the museum's current facility. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the improvements are essential and need immediate attention. This will allow the museum to continue to function and welcome visitors as it moves its plans forward for the new, block-long facility slated for completion in 2025. As one of the most visible and viable African American tourist attractions in Baltimore City and the State of Maryland, there must be newbuilding and landscape solutions implemented to improve the safety and visual impact of the museum facility. Immediate funding support will present several opportunities, both locally and nationally. Primarily, the Museum will be able to evolve and continue to have significant and far-reaching impact on the economic and cultural revitalization of a distressed and disinvested urban district in East Baltimore."

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

Sincerely,



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