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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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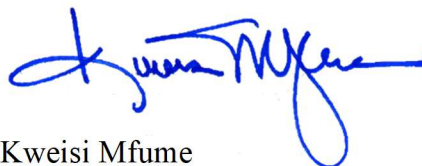
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the UMBC Laboratory for Flood Risk Impact Assessment and Adaptation in Impoverished Maryland Communities project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, located at 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD, 21250. The \$1,200,000 in funding would be used for establishing the new University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) Laboratory for Flood Risk Impact Assessment and Adaptation in Impoverished Maryland Communities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow UMBC to elucidate the impact of blockbusting and redlining on flood risk in Turner Station and Brooklyn, as well as other impoverished communities, the distribution of funding for flood mitigation projects, and the status of flood risk adaptation strategies at all levels from individual households to the federal government.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.

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

Sincerely,



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