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April 23, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515-6016

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-60

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Memphis ReStart Initiative in Memphis, TN** in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Black Business Association of Memphis**, located at **480 Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Avenue, Memphis, TN 38126**. The funding would be used to support the multi-faceted small business development program that focuses on three areas: Talent, Acquisitions, and Talent Acquisitions in order to nurture Black enterprises toward economic equity as well as addressing the wealth gap. This includes leadership training for Black managers, entrepreneurs and business owners, and identifying opportunities for Black businesses to thrive.

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

Sincerely,



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress