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

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, the Capitol  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Aquarium of Niagara in Fiscal Year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Aquarium of Niagara, 701 Whirlpool St, Niagara Falls, NY 14301.

These funds will be used to purchase and install a geothermal energy system at the Aquarium of Niagara. The current HVAC system in the Aquarium of Niagara was installed in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, and the installation of a new geothermal system will help the Aquarium of Niagara fully transition away from the combustion of fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions while demonstrating the viability of the technology in a complex commercial setting. With buildings and transportation as the two largest contributors of greenhouse gas emissions, this project sets the foundation for scale and replication across the building sector in Western New York.

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

Sincerely,



Brian Higgins  
Member of Congress