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## **Congress of the United States** House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the African Business Innovation Center in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the African Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific Northwest located in Seattle, Washington.

This funding will be used for planning and pre-development activities for the proposed African Business Innovation Center (ABIC) in Tukwila, Washington and advance the project through to the acquisition phase. The proposed project will be a mixed-use development to provide space for small businesses, programs and services for African communities, and vocational training and workforce training.

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

Sincerely,

Adam Smith Member of Congress