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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 Somali Community Cultural Innovation Hub in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Somali Health Board located in Tukwila, Washington.

This funding will be used for the acquisition of property for a new Somali Community Cultural Innovation Hub. The Somali Health Board (SHB), Somali Community Services (SCS) and Al-Noor Center of Washington (ACW) plan to purchase property to build an interconnected community hub led by and for the Somali community. This space will serve as a multigenerational health hub, senior housing community, cultural anchor, and community center for Somalis in the face of gentrification and displacement. The space will include: a health clinic, cultural event space, non-profit and micro business space, culturally appropriate gym, affordable housing for seniors and/or families, early learning and childcare space, mini soccer pitch, and commercial space for small businesses.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Smith".

Adam Smith
Member of Congress