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Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for the Educating for Democracy Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Connecticut Historical Society Museum and Library, located 1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT 06105.

The proposed project will promote civic knowledge and skills, civic values and dispositions, and civic behaviors to ensure that K-12 students are equipped with “21st-century skills” such as critical thinking, analysis and reflection, dialogue, and effectively navigating an increasingly digital world. Specifically, the project is a partnership of nonprofit community stakeholders designed to teach history and advance Civics Education with K-12 students using primary source material housed in the state’s museums and historic sites. Key components of the program include the following: professional development workshops for educators throughout the state; traveling exhibits to meet people where they are; a two-week summer "Youth Civics Summit"; financial support for field trips; participation in the Kid Governor Program. Additionally, an extensive digital resources/toolbox for civics education will be created and distributed widely to ensure long-lasting impact.

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

Sincerely,

  
John B. Larson