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April 23, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Black and Diverse Business Wealth Initiative in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Louisville Metro Government, located at 444 Fifth Street Suite 600 Louisville, Kentucky 40202. The funding would be used for a workforce development program to provide training directly to businesses and entrepreneurs to help build capacity for Black and diverse business enterprises in the capital and construction project delivery industry.

Louisville Metro Government estimates that more than \$5 billion will be invested locally in public and private capital infrastructure investments over the next five years, including projects from the city, Metropolitan Sewer District, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, and others. Only 2.4 percent of Louisville's businesses are Black owned, while the city's population is 22 percent Black. In 2020, Louisville announced the Equity in Contracting Task Force via Executive Order of the Mayor with the specific goal of increasing the number of Black and diverse businesses in the city. This funding will help Metro Government support the opportunity for more Black and diverse business enterprises to succeed in our city.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John A. Yarmuth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Member of Congress  
Date: April 23, 2021