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April 23, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Phase 2 of Smoketown Hopebox in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Youthbuild Louisville, located at 800 S Preston Street Louisville, Kentucky 40203. The funding would be used for the rehabilitation of a long-vacant two-story building in the Smoketown neighborhood, making it into a community resource including a health clinic, laundromat, business incubator, and community meeting space.

YouthBuild Louisville has partnered with local nonprofits to create the Smoketown Hopebox, which is an historic two-story building they will convert into a space with much needed community amenities. Through culture-based activities and reiterated by neighborhood reports, the community identified priorities including a laundromat, wealth building, affordable housing, and activities for young people. Phase 1 of the Hopebox will be the completion of the Smoketown Laundromat, and Phase 2 will focus on community space that is planned to house a health clinic in partnership with University of Louisville, a business incubator for local entrepreneurs, youth and family programming, and community flex space for meetings and events. The health clinic will focus on health literacy and patient engagement for residents while providing training opportunities for UofL Health Science students and certified clinical medical assistants, reinforcing cultural competence with practical experience on the community level.

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".

Member of Congress
Date: April 23, 2021

