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

April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the MLK Mixed Use Affordable Housing and Early Learning Center in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Low Income Housing Institute, located in Seattle, Washington.

This request will be used for pre-development activities to help advance the MLK Mixed Use Affordable Housing and Early Learning Center (MLK Mixed Use) located just south of the Othello Light Rail Station in the Rainier Valley. MLK Mixed Use will provide 152 apartment units for low-income and homeless families and individuals and an early learning center and play area operated by the Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA). As a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project, it will lead to better mobility, reduced car traffic, reduced household spending on transportation, healthier lifestyles, less pollution, higher foot-traffic for commercial businesses, and decreased suburban sprawl.

This project will provide much needed affordable housing for low-income and homeless families and individuals in a neighborhood that is experiencing massive displacement and gentrification. It would immediately bring people off the streets and into stable housing, prevent many from becoming homeless, and help reduce displacement and gentrification.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Smith".

Adam Smith
Member of Congress