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

April 28, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the AiPACE Adult Day Center and Clinic in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Aging in PACE Washington, located in Seattle, Washington.

The funding would be used for pre-construction and development of the The AiPACE Adult Day Center and Clinic to be located in Beacon Hill. The AiPACE facility will provide low-income, nursing-home-eligible API elders through the evidence-based, nationally recognized Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), a nursing-home-alternative health care model that fosters independence and choice for elders to age at home. This is the first such program in Washington designed specifically for API elders.

The influx of the aging generation has pushed senior services to the forefront for every community across the nation. Elders who live alone suffer high risk of serious health problems and possible premature death due to social isolation. Furthermore, limited English-speaking Asian families face great difficulties navigating the complicated medical system due to language and cultural barriers. Unfortunately, traditional nursing homes are no longer adequate to sustainably address the rapidly growing demands. In King County, the Asian community sadly lost one of two culturally-specific nursing homes in 2019, reducing capacity by 60%, down to only 100 remaining skilled-nursing beds.

By centering programming in the PACE care model, AiPACE's holistic, culturally- and linguistically-relevant services, delivered to meet individualized needs, will help API elders to age in place – in communities already familiar to them – and maintain health and well-being.

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