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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 Keiro Site in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Africatown Community Land Trust, located in Seattle, Washington.

The Keiro Site will be a mixed-use project that will provide opportunities for affordable rental housing, economic development, and community space in the Central District of Seattle; a historically Black neighborhood that is experiencing intense gentrification and displacement pressures. The Keiro Site is expected to create approximately 300 units of affordable rental housing and will have dedicated space for culturally relevant early childhood education, a critical need in the Central District.

The requested funds will support pre-construction activities for the Keiro Site that will help combat growing displacement, increase access to affordable housing and early learning services, and provide economic opportunities for Black-owned businesses.

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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Adam Smith
Member of Congress