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The Honorable Tom Cole, Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 Capitol Building  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 10, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for affordable housing preservation of the Joe Black and Byron Wetmore Apartments in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Community Roots Housing located at 1620 12th Ave # 205, Seattle, WA 98122.

This funding would be used by Community Roots Housing, a longstanding provider of affordable housing in Seattle, faces urgent capital needs in two of its apartment buildings, Byron Wetmore Apartments located at 3300 Wetmore Avenue South, Seattle WA 98144 and Joe Black located at 3333 Gale Place South, Seattle WA 98144. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as these buildings, essential for deep affordability in the city, require immediate upgrades to ensure safety, comfort, and long-term viability, including repairs to drainage, exteriors, decks, and playgrounds. Without funding for critical projects, the buildings risk displacement of long-term residents and loss of affordable housing, underscoring the urgent need for congressional appropriation grants to preserve these vital community assets.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



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Adam Smith  
Member of Congress