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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the African Community Education Center Building Renovation in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is African Community Education (ACE), located at 484 Main St., Suite 355, Worcester MA 01608. The funding would be used to renovate the new African Community Education (ACE) Center will directly benefit the African refugee and immigrant community in Worcester, MA, by expanding opportunities and access to educational support, workforce development and cultural exchange to serve more people. The City of Worcester has a large African population, estimated at 15,000 – 20,000 individuals. ACE was founded to serve this population of refugees and immigrants through education, social and cultural programming and outreach services to stabilize and strengthen families. The renovated building will allow for the expansion of programs and services that will serve the most vulnerable members of this population, extremely low-income English learners. This project also benefits the broader Worcester community through stabilizing families, increasing economic mobility and engaging refugees and immigrants in their new community. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress