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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Bringing Brooklyn Museum's Arts of Africa Collections Back on View, Brooklyn, NY 11238 (NY09) in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Brooklyn Museum located at 200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11238.

The funding would be used for supporting the creation of Brooklyn Museum's first-ever permanent galleries for its world-renowned collection of African Arts. The museum is a central resource for Brooklyn, which has over 2.5 million residents, and nearly 1/3 are of African descent. Additionally, the project will enable the museum's Education division—which works with more than 50,000 Brooklyn children each year, many of whom live in Central Brooklyn—to create curricula that use the galleries as a springboard for K-12 students to learn about art and history while celebrating the enormous diversity and legacy of African arts. The reopening of the Brooklyn Museum's African Arts collection would represent a tremendous asset for countless schools, students and families across the borough and beyond.

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

Sincerely,

Hakeem Jeffries  
Member of Congress