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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
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Arts in Education Residency, Brooklyn, NY 11217 in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Jamel Gaines Creative Outlet located at 138 S. Oxford Street, #2B, Brooklyn, NY 11217.

The funding would be used for an arts in education residency in Brooklyn, New York. The organization's high-level artistic teaching staff will help students with their artistic technical abilities and closely mentor students interested in taking their arts education to the next level. Teachers will provide secondary school students with guidance in connection with auditions and college or conservatory selection and preparation. Arts in education programs can lead to improvements in students' creative thinking, memory, collaboration skills, confidence, discipline, professionalism and ability to problem solve. Students who pursue additional arts education classes also increase their ability to learn in subjects such as math, science, history and English as these skills are transferable to other areas of educational development. The project's lecture demonstrations and field trips will enable students to conceptualize a professional career path in the arts. The organization's staff will also provide a space for inclusion and healthy discussions around difficult issues such as racism, gender discrimination and cultural bias.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hakeem Jeffries". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Hakeem Jeffries
Member of Congress