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Chair Rosa DeLauro  
Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Kay Granger  
Appropriations Committee  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

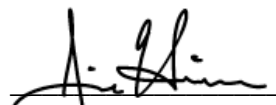
I am requesting funding for the Women's Business Development Council, Inc. to undertake the Expansion of Technical Assistance and Microgrants to Women-Owned Businesses project in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Small Business Initiatives account under the Small Business Administration. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Women's Business Development Council, Inc., located at 184 Bedford St #201, Stamford, CT 06901.

The Women's Business Development Council is seeking \$500,000 for the expansion of the Women's Business Development Council Technical Assistance and Microgrant Program, which provides technical assistance and the innovative Opportunity Fund Grant, Equity Match Grant, and Child Care Opportunity Fund programs to minority- and women-owned businesses in the district.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would help women and minority-owned businesses access greater resources needed for business success, resulting in greater job creation and opportunity in the 4th district.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
JIM HIMES  
Member of Congress

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