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Chair Rosa DeLauro Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 Ranking Member Kay Granger Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for Baldwin Holdings, LLC to undertake the Hanover Street Housing project in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) account under the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The entity to receive funding for this project is Baldwin Holdings, LLC, located at 150 Highland Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604.

Baldwin Holdings is seeking \$1,976691 for the construction of three/three-bedroom wood-frame townhouses at 344-346 Hanover Street comprising 9 units of housing that will be occupied by families that participate in the Housing Choice Voucher Project-Based Program.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would offer extremely low-income households the opportunity to live in a stabilized community with access to high-value neighborhood offerings including a greenspace public park, accessible bus stops, and a train station, grocery stores, a health care clinic, local arts and entertainment venues and much more. Offering housing options in communities of choice, like this Hanover Street location, has proven to increase long-term family self-sufficiency, elevate household incomes, and improve health outcomes and educational performance among children. The return on this public investment would be exponential.

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