The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting community project funding in fiscal year 2022 for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee’s Center for Economic Development (Center) efforts to broaden and strengthen its academic focus on racial inequities, antiracism research, and policy development.

The legal recipient for this funding would be the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee located in Milwaukee, WI 53201. A key aspect of the Center’s mission is to address challenges facing the region through research and technical assistance. Over the past decade, the Center has released major work on topics such as the crisis of Black male joblessness; transportation obstacles to Black employment in the region; environmental justice; concentrated poverty in the city, and studies of how Milwaukee’s Black and Latino communities compare to counterparts in the nation’s largest metropolitan areas. It has also recently done work on the coronavirus racial divide in the region.

The entity would use funds to hire and train faculty and graduate students to carry out research into key policy areas (racial inequities in health, employment, and poverty) to inform the development of related academic curricula throughout the rest of the university and provide insights and data to policymakers on key policy questions.

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

Sincerely,

Gwen Moore  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS