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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Alexandria City AHDC Arlandria Housing+ Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Alexandria, Virginia, located at 301 King Street, Suite 3500, Alexandria, VA 22310.

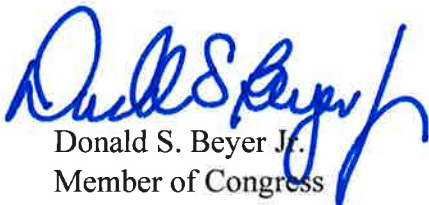
The AHDC Arlandria project is a \$315,000,000 multi-phase, mixed-use project that will combine 475 units of affordable housing (417 rental apartments affordable to households at 40 to 80% of the area median income (AMI) and 58 condominium units affordable to first time homebuyers with incomes up to 80% AMI) with ~40,000 SF of neighborhood-serving commercial and retail space, proposed to include existing small businesses, affordable daycare, pre-K programs, a medical and dental clinic, a workforce training program and cafe, nonprofit offices, and City flex space to bring workforce development, social services and landlord tenant services, as well as community meeting space, to the neighborhood.

The Arlandria-Chirilagua neighborhood is adjacent to upcoming economic development at National Landing (Amazon HQ2, Virginia Tech Innovation Campus, the Potomac Yard Metro). The project and the City's recently completed planning initiative for the neighborhood - as well as its planned investment in Arlandria - are intended to help mitigate potential impacts of redevelopment/gentrification and displacement and help fulfill the City's commitment that all Alexandrians benefit as a result of economic development.

This innovative project accomplishes many key local, state and federal investment objectives, supporting both people infrastructure and physical infrastructure by creating affordable housing resources to meet the needs of the community and the region's future workforce. This project offers affordable homeownership options for underserved populations. It helps preserve Alexandria's diversity and supports workers key to the local and regional economies. The project's provision of commercial space focused on unmet community needs, and its preservation of existing minority-owned small businesses will help preserve Arlandria-Chirilagua's unique, cultural identity.

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

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.
Member of Congress