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## Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Bahamian Museum of Arts and Culture in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Thelma Gibson Health Initiative, Inc., located at located at 3646 Grand Avenue, Miami, FL 33133. This funding request is a valuable use of taxpayer funds will help expand the capabilities of the Bahamian Museum of Arts and Culture. The funding also includes support for reconstruction and economic development activities to expand the footprint of the project in the heart of Coconut Grove, Florida. This funding will help reshape West Coconut Grove by providing a pipeline of economic growth. By attracting tourism, jobs, an focusing on the Bahamian legacy and preserving this history, the process is the catalyst to securing cultural assets, building greater social cohesion, and feeding economic vibrancy. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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