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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the construction of Puerto Rico Cultural Center's (CRCC) Business Incubation and Support Hub (BIS Hub) in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Puerto Rico Cultural Center located at 2739 W Division St, Chicago, Illinois, 60622.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it involves stabilizing and revitalizing the commercial corridor known as Paseo Boricua on Division Street in Humboldt Park, which has been the heart and soul of the Midwest's Puerto Rican community for decades.

Phase I, the focus of this application, will deploy and expand PRCC's current Community Business Development Model (CBDM) and small business incubation efforts with the construction of PRCC's Business Incubation & Support Hub (BIS Hub). This new, eco-friendly building will be constructed on two city lots owned by the PRCC.

The BIS Hub will allow for the expansion of ¡WEPA!, house PRCC's six small business development programs, and include eight units of affordable housing with a renewable energy rooftop. Investment in the construction of the BIS Hub would be preserved in the historical memory of the community and catalyzes the simultaneous pursuit of several interrelated goals: community wealth building, providing affordable commercial spaces to entrepreneurs and expanding PRCC's current affordable housing capacity.

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

Sincerely,



Jesús G. "Chuy" García
Member of Congress