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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for The Vision" Community Statue Project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Houston Independent School District (HISD), located at 4300 Lyons Avenue, Suite 300, Houston, TX 77339.

The funding will be used to construct and maintain a sustainable growing environment at the Booker T. Washington High School founded in 1893 and is currently, located at 4204 Yale St, Houston, TX 77018. The project will provide a living laboratory food education center as well as a production facility. The grounds will feature raised beds gardens for food production. The raised beds gardens will act as a carbon sink to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it in soil and plants.

A wind farm will be installed that can supply electrical energy to the entire project and the football field. There will also be two container houses to be used for the display of historical and engineering artifacts and a container house for use as a Plant Factory with Artificial Lighting (PFAL). PFAL is a plant production facility with a thermally insulated and nearly airtight warehouse-like structure. Stacking more culture shelves vertically increases the efficiency of land use. All container houses will not use the electrical power from the grid but from wind, solar, geothermal, and biofuel alternative energy sources according to the Net-Zero Energy Concept

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

Sincerely,



Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress