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Hon. Adriano Espaillat
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Dear Congressman Espaillat:

I understand that the Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute is requesting earmark funds from your office to support their proposed Community Artist Entrepreneurship Initiative. When this initiative begins, it will allow 100 public housing residents to participate in an incubator program sponsored by the Center and designed to help African American and Latino artists to hone their skills as artists and, most particularly, as entrepreneurs. For nine months, the artists will learn how to create and market their business, be it music, art or dance. Upon graduation, they will be ready to be self-sustaining businesses but will be to continue relying upon Center guidance as members of the alumni association.

I can think of no one better to lead this enterprise than Melody Capote and the dedicated team at the Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute.

I'm sure you have many competing candidates. CCCADI, however, will make you proud with their success.

Thank you for supporting the Center.

Sincerely,

Nilsa Orama