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Chair Tom Cole Ranking Member Mike Quigley House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies US House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$2,00,000 to the John H. Boner Community Center Rivoli Building Rehabilitation project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the John H. Boner Community Center (dba John Boner Neighborhood Centers) located at 2236 East 10th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201.

The funding will be used for the John Boner Neighborhood Centers (JBNC) Rivoli Building Rehabilitation project. Provided funds will cover costs for storefronts, doors, roof, downspouts, and clay title as well as costs for planning and pre-development of the building for expanded community usage. The long-term goal is to establish a community serving space at the rehabilitated building, providing a hub for youth to develop their talents and education, job training, anti-abuse initiatives and counseling.

The project is a valuable to taxpayers as the rehabilitation of the Building can be an avenue for strengthening a sense of place, provide opportunities for community engagement, educational enrichment, and help drive economic activity along the 10th Street Corridor. John Boner Neighborhood Centers (JBNC) believes that neighborhood-driven efforts are essential to developing a healthy, thriving, and vibrant community. For this reason, JBNC works to build strong neighborhoods, stable families, and a vibrant local economy by creating an ecosystem that support economic recovery and mobility. The rehabilitation of the Building will be a step forward in decreasing poverty, vacancy, improve the vibrancy of the 10th Street Corridor, and increasing opportunities for underserved residents to access unique programs and opportunities in their community. The Building sits on 10th Street in the heart of the Near Eastside of Indianapolis, and at present, this community lacks a quality community engagement space of any size or capacity. This JBNC is also the anchoring organization of the federally designated Indianapolis Indy East Promise Zone, which at its inception, had a 47% poverty rate and a 24.5% unemployment rate.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program 42 U.S.C, Section 5305 (a)(4).

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

Sincerely.

André Carson Member of Congress

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