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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Circle East District Revitalization (East Cleveland) in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (CCLRC) aka Cuyahoga Land Bank, located at 812 Huron Road East, Suite 800, Cleveland, OH 44115.

This project will rebuild the street infrastructure, rehab the existing homes, increase the housing supply by building new homes on the vacant lots and renovate a commercial building to bring jobs to the neighborhood and create a community hub/cafe. This will result in restored equity to the low-income residents remaining in the neighborhood, create safe housing that they can continue to live in, and rebuild the sense of community as vacant lots are replaced by new homes with families.

The rebuilding of the crumbling sidewalks will significantly improve the accessibility for the elderly and handicapped persons who make up the majority of the existing residents. Streetscape improvements will focus primarily on the development of new green spaces in the neighborhood enabling residents to have recreational amenities close by, especially for those without access to cars, which represents 14% of the neighborhood. The neighborhood revitalization project will create \$60 million of new property value, \$12 million of new household income, bring in \$240,000 of annual income tax to the city and create 33 jobs.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family. The federal nexus is 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

Sincerely,


Shontel M. Brown
Member of Congress