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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and Related
Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and Related
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley,

I am requesting funding for May Dugan Center's Continuing the Commitment to the Community Project in the fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is May Dugan Center, located at 4115 Bridge Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. The funding would be used for the expansion and renovation of May Dugan Center, a non-profit serving nearly 20,000 people each year in Greater Cleveland.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the May Dugan Center clients are diverse in race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation and they face social and economic deficits of all types. Half of the people served come from the Near West Side of Cleveland and half come from other communities throughout Cuyahoga County.

The repair, renovation, and expansion will provide May Dugan Center with much-needed physical space to grow its programming to meet community needs. The outcome will be a modern, safe facility that allows for innovative health and human service programming to more clients in an updated, efficient and clinically appropriate setting. Renovated space will increase cost savings through updated building systems, and the expanded space will add over 2,200 square feet of office rental space and 2,200 square feet of program space--leading to a sustainable revenue stream. Additional therapy rooms will expand treatment capacity to 225 more counseling clients each year--increasing unrestricted dollars for the support of the MDC's mission. Moreover, the enlarged office space will permit May Dugan Center to hire 12 new positions and 1 part-time position, growing organizational payroll by \$500,000 from \$1.6 million to \$2.1 million.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S. Code 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shontel M. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shontel" being more prominent and the last name "Brown" written in a smaller, more compact script.

Shontel M. Brown
Member of Congress