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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,500,000 for the Boys & Girls Club Youngstown Community Backyard Project in Fiscal Year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown, located at 2105 Oak Hill Avenue, Youngstown OH 44507.

For 50 years, the Boys and Girls Club Youngstown (BGCY) has been in the forefront of youth development, working with young people from disadvantaged economic, social, and family circumstances to enrich the lives of boys and girls that other youth agencies have had difficulty reaching. The Backyard Project is an action plan to renovate and upgrade over 200,000 sq ft. of property owned by the BGCY. The requested fund would be used for renovations & upgrades that are essential to expand their services and programming to their over 900 members and the community as a whole. The goal of the Backyard Project is to build leagues such as flag football, basketball, rugby, baseball and more, and other community focused initiatives for youth in the City of Youngstown. The Backyard Project will not only impact the members of BGCY but will visually improve the South Side neighborhoods of Youngstown that stretch between Oak Hill Avenue, Market Street, and adjacent roads. By adding a walking trail to the campus, families will have the opportunity to model a healthy lifestyle by exercising themselves while their children play on the fields. This project will provide quality facilities for youth in Youngstown to grow their passion and it will enhance the quality of life for the community. Their dedication to community service and enhancing children's lives make this an excellent use of taxpayer funds.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan
Member of Congress