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April 30, 2021

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 \$2,000,000 for Youngstown Community Food Center Inc. The entity to receive funding for this project is Youngstown Community Food Center Inc., located at 94 Pyatt Street, Youngstown, OH, 44502.

Youngstown Community Food Center Inc. (YCFC), also known as Gleaners Food Bank, has been serving the socially and economically disadvantaged persons in Northeastern Ohio for over 30 years. They operate in an inner-city food desert and have a strong network of volunteers and community partners that support their important work. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they saw a growing demand for their services and soon realized they had outgrown their physical space (15,000/sf).

These funds would be used for a capital improvement project for them to increase their capacity and to expand their services as an emergency services distribution location for those in need. Their plans include demolishing a condemned structure and building a new building with refrigerated and dry storage across the street to expand their distribution service and to create a hub for weekly produce markets, so that the community has access to fresh and healthy food on a regular basis. Additionally, funds would be used to make needed renovations to their existing building which would include establishing a drive through service capability as well. Ensuring all have access to fresh and healthy food is certainly a worthy use of taxpayer funds and would the YCFC to continue meeting the needs of the community for years to come.

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