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The Honorable Marcia Fudge
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Fudge,

I am writing regarding the City of Tucson's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a \$50 million Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) grant to revitalize the Thrive in the 05 neighborhood.

The Thrive in the 05 initiative focuses on a 2.3-square-mile area less than two miles north from the downtown core and within the area of the original settlement of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Tucson. It builds from the HUD-awarded Choice Neighborhood Initiative planning grant to create a collaborative, community-centered coalition to drive and sustain change in a distressed area of Tucson.

The vision of the Thrive in the 05 Transformation Plan is anchored around redeveloping the Tucson House, a 17-story public housing site, to provide mixed-use, mixed-income development that will allow the older residents to age in place while invigorating the historical Oracle/Miracle Mile Corridor. The plan sets out to deconcentrate poverty, while providing community improvement and support services for residents across four goal areas of housing, neighborhoods, people, and workforce development.

A Choice Neighborhood Initiative grant will seed the changes envisioned by the neighborhood stakeholders and the community to ensure a safe, vibrant, and healthy place to live. I ask that you provide their application for the Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) grant full and fair consideration under all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress