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The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies
Appropriations
United States Senate
136 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
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United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies
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Dear Chairs Blunt and DeLauro and Ranking Members Murray and Cole:

On behalf of BERG & ANDROPHY we ask the support of the Appropriations Committee to consider the Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation (Fifth Ward CRC) for community project funding under the Labor-HHS-Education bill. Fifth Ward CRC is a nonprofit organization that serves one of the oldest, disenfranchised neighborhoods of color in Houston located in the 18th Congressional District of Texas represented by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee. We ask you to support Fifth Ward CRC's request for community project funding to provide mental and behavioral health services for students in their juvenile justice program, and to fund its Fifth Ward Technology Center for Workforce Innovation

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that will provide entrepreneur mentorship, employment training services, onsite support staff, and access to office equipment and supplies in an affordable community workspace.

BERG & ANDROPHY has worked with Fifth Ward CRC in the areas of criminal justice reform and representing all Fifth Ward youth on a pro bono basis.

After decades of impoverished conditions and especially during these unprecedented and perilous times, Fifth Ward CRC is working hard to revitalize the historic and culturally rich community of 5th Ward. BERG & ANDROPHY strongly encourages Congress to come together to fund their community project request.

BERG & ANDROPHY looks forward to your consideration of this request to serve the 5th Ward community. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Joel M. Androphy, BERG & ANDROPHY, at jandrophy@bafirm.com or (713) 529-5622.

Sincerely,



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