

November 10, 2011

Congressman Steven LaTourette
2371 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: FY 12 Funding for CDBG and HOME

Dear Congressman LaTourette:

It has come to my attention that the CDBG and HOME programs are at risk of being sharply cut and the CDBG admin cap is at-risk of being slashed in half. As the Mayor of North Ridgeville, I wanted to reach out to you and ask your support when Congress considers these reductions.

The State of Ohio has relayed to me that where approximately 71 CHIP Grants were awarded this year, they may only be able to award approximately 40 next year. It is possible that some communities that are now eligible will then not be eligible for funding and many grant programs will not be offered. It is being proposed that each County will be limited to one million dollars in CHIP funding (2 grants) per year. If more than two communities are on the same cycle, some may have to sit out.

On behalf of North Ridgeville, I urge you to oppose the House-recommended provision in the bill that would reduce the CDBG administrative cap from 20% to 10%, cutting the administrative allowance in half. CDBG grantees will not be able to fully operate their programs at this level.

I thank you in advance for your continued support of these valuable programs. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

G. David Gillock
Mayor