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Houston City Council Member
At-Large, Position 5

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
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The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
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Re: FY24 Community Project Funding

Dear Chairs Granger and Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am pleased to offer this letter in support of a new workforce training and entrepreneurship center to be operated by Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM). The proposed center is expected to serve more than 2,100 individuals annually with vital employment services, vocational training, and financial empowerment opportunities. In addition, this new building will offer navigation and wrap around services to more than 5,200 individuals to support their journey to self-sufficiency. The project will allow for the expansion of MAM's entrepreneurship program, creating jobs and bolstering economic opportunity in low- and moderate-income communities in our area.

MAM is a nonprofit organization that was created in Houston in 1983 to build financially stable families, a dynamic workforce, and healthy, vibrant communities. MAM is one of Houston's largest and most trusted community-based organizations, serving over 15,000 individuals annually with 3 campuses, a team of 82 staff, more than

1,000 volunteers, and dozens of community partners. Led by a dedicated 14-member board of directors and supported by 36 member congregations representing thousands of parishioners from diverse faith traditions, MAM is fiscally sound with an annual budget of \$7.7 million.

Thank you for your consideration of this needed and timely funding request.

Sincerely,



Sallie Alcorn