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June 18, 2020

Ms. Elizabeth Smith Secretary, Department of Inspector General Chair, Arkansas CARES Act Steering Committee

Dear Ms. Smith:

Please accept this letter in support of the Arkansas Community Based Covid-19 Ad-Hoc Committee as it applies for funding from the Arkansas CARES Act Steering Committee to benefit its initiative of providing a safety net for minority communities adversely affected by Covid-19. I understand the Ad-Hoc Committee aims to provide supportive resources to low-income and minority populations by channeling funds to areas in need using existing community-based infrastructure created by foundations, nonprofits, and non-governmental organizations. The Ad-Hoc Committee has identified 10 categories of need, including education, youth, health care, senior citizens, and business development, and proposes avenues by which to deliver financial resources appropriated by the CARES Act Steering Committee.

Respectfully, I would ask those with the power to do so to give the Ad-Hoc Committee's proposal every consideration. I believe this initiative is a worthwhile use of funds. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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