

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 21, 2025

The Honorable Bill Hagerty
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial Services and
General Government
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial Services and
General Government
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Re: FY 2026 CDFI Fund

Dear Chairman Hagerty and Ranking Member Reed:

We write to request that no less than \$325 million be provided for the Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) in the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations measure. The CDFI Fund generates economic opportunity in distressed areas by expanding access to credit, capital, and financial services through the investment in and assistance to a nationwide network of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs).

The Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-325), established the CDFI Fund in 1994. Since then, it has awarded more than \$7.4 billion to CDFIs, community development organizations, and financial institutions through its funding programs, allocated \$76 billion in tax credits through the New Markets Tax Credit Program, and more than \$2.5 billion in bonds have been guaranteed through the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program.

Through its unique public-private partnership model, the CDFI Fund's award recipients successfully leverage billions in private sector investment to create jobs, build affordable housing and essential community facilities, as well as invest in neighborhood revitalization initiatives.

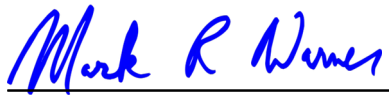
Since 2010, CDFI Program Financial Assistance award recipients have originated more than \$170 billion in loans and investments, all in communities lacking access to traditional lending or banking institutions or experiencing pervasive disinvestment. These resources have financed nearly 585,000 businesses, as well as the development of more than 425,000 affordable housing units. In Fiscal Year 2024, CDFI program awardees made over 1.054 million loans or investments totaling more than \$24 billion. CDFIs also financed over 45,000 affordable housing units.

In addition to their extensive history of investment in rural and urban communities across all 50 states—as well as the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico—CDFIs in recent years have more than proven their value as economic first responders and catalysts for private sector

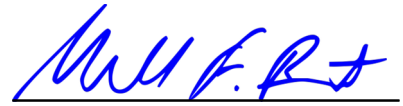
collaboration. The modest increase in requested CDFI Fund appropriations—roughly \$1 million over FY 2024 spending— alongside an increased role from the private sector, ensures CDFIs can build on their record of investment in underserved communities. The amount requested also ensures that the CDFI Fund will continue to support innovations that advance the technology capabilities of CDFIs, increase liquidity and access to capital markets, and foster efficiencies in the community development field.

It is for these reasons we strongly urge the continued investment in the work of the CDFI Fund by providing it with an FY 2025 appropriation of at least \$325 million.

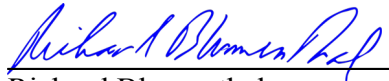
Sincerely,



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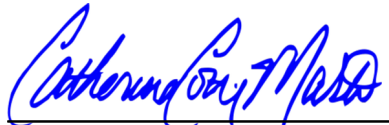
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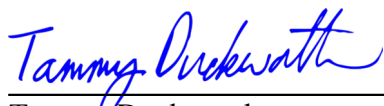
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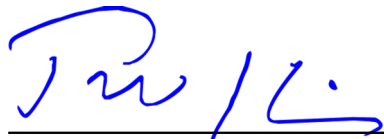
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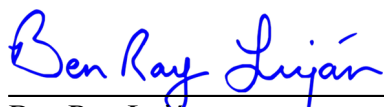
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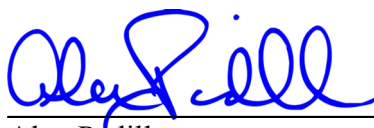
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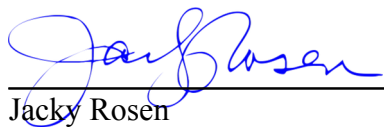
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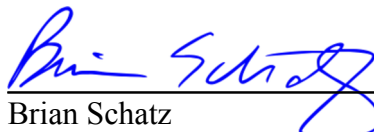
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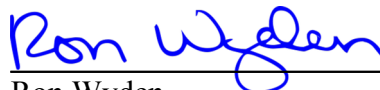
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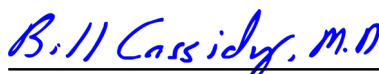
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