

Dear **Senator _____**,

I am writing on behalf of **[your organization name]**, to thank you for your past support of the Treasury Department's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund and to urge your continued leadership in the FY 2027 Financial Services and General Government appropriations bill.

We ask that you:

- Support \$324 million for the CDFI Fund in FY 2027
- Include bill language requiring the timely apportionment and release of appropriated funds, as well as a clear schedule for NOFAs and awards.

CDFIs expand access to credit, capital, and financial services in rural, urban, and Tribal communities that lack access to traditional financing. For every federal dollar invested, the CDFI Fund leverages more than \$8 in private capital, delivering billions in financing for small businesses, affordable housing, homeownership, and community facilities.

[Include information about your organization and its impact]

CDFIs are also a critical tool for addressing housing needs. CDFI Fund award recipients provide over \$5 billion in affordable mortgage financing each year, helping families build wealth and bringing down housing costs in underinvested communities.

However, recent delays in apportionments, NOFA publication, and award announcements are creating uncertainty that directly affects lending and project pipelines. Predictable and timely funding is essential for CDFIs to deliver financing to communities in need.

We urge you to provide \$324 million for the CDFI Fund in FY 2027 and include directive language to ensure funds are released and deployed on time.

Thank you for your leadership and your continued support of the communities served by CDFIs.