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Ms. Suzan LeVine  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Employment and Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Secretary LeVine,

I write in regards to Randolph County Housing Authority's (RCHA) application for funding through the YouthBuild program, as authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. RCHA would rural residents in Randolph, Barbour, Upshur, and Tucker counties, West Virginia, and I am in full support of their application.

Randolph County Housing Authority is seeking federal funding to support the YouthBuild North Central project, which serves at least 67 youth living in rural areas and designated Opportunity Zones, as listed in the Census tract. Many of these youths are from low-income backgrounds, and lack access to basic infrastructure including transportation, cellular, and broadband infrastructure. Lack of access has only worsened unemployment and limited job opportunities, and the work of RCHA would provide youths in north-central West Virginia the training and support they need to reach their full potential.

RCHA has operated a successful YouthBuild program since 1995, and operates a Housing Choice Voucher program that employs tenants in rent-restricted apartments, and provides housing opportunities to low-income residents. The organization has a proven track record of success, and receiving a YouthBuild grant would allow them to continue to build upon this strong history of supporting our most vulnerable West Virginians. Funding would support core programming, as well as follow-up support services for participants. It will also support the construction of low-income housing.

West Virginia's brightest days are ahead, and our youth deserve the opportunity to achieve their full potential. As West Virginians, we share the values of loyalty, hard work, and perseverance. Those who choose to participate in the YouthBuild North Central project are making an investment in their future, and I commend their dedication. Young West Virginians deserve the opportunity to thrive, and I am proud to support RCHA's application to invest in their future. I hope you will give their application your full support.

Sincerely,



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