

May 1, 2018

The Honorable Scott Tipton
U.S. House of Representatives
218 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Tipton:

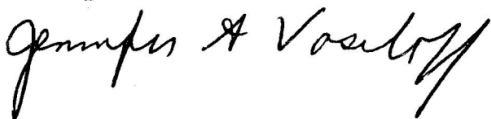
On behalf of Opportunity Finance Network (OFN), a national membership association of community development financial institutions (CDFIs), I want to thank you for your testimony in support of the CDFI Fund during the House Appropriations Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) Subcommittee Member Day Hearing on Wednesday, April 25. By visiting Fort Market in Fort Garland, Colorado back in August which received funding from Colorado Enterprise Fund through the Health Foods Financing Initiative, you saw firsthand the impact CDFIs have on local communities, especially in rural areas. Sharing that experience in your testimony last week underscored the impact funding from the CDFI Fund also has in local communities.

We were also pleased to hear at the Member's Day Hearing that the CDFI Fund program received the highest number of FY 2019 appropriations requests— 14% of total requests— of all federal programs under the jurisdiction of the FSGG subcommittee. Thank you for submitting an appropriations request to FSGG Chairman Graves in support of the CDFI Fund.

As you continue your work in Congress, your support and commitment to the CDFI industry and the CDFI Fund will be invaluable during the fiscal year (FY) 2019 appropriations process.

Thank you for your leadership. Please contact me for more information or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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