

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Ms. Julie Garcia
Director Stakeholder Partnerships
Education and Communication
Internal Revenue Service
Grant Program Office
401 Peachtree Street NW
Stop 420-D
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Dear Ms. Garcia:

It is my pleasure to support the United Way of Greater Cincinnati in its efforts to secure funding through the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance grant program.

If awarded, funding will be used to expand services to underserved populations in both urban and rural counties and to persons with disabilities. The Regional EITC Collaborative, which currently provides tax preparation services in southwest Ohio and northern Kentucky, also seeks to improve accuracy of returns through improved training and increased supervision of site coordinators.

It is my hope that the Regional EITC Collaborative will be provided the opportunity to expand their tax preparation services, and to continue helping low-to-moderate income working individuals and families.

Please give serious consideration to the United Way of Greater Cincinnati's application for funding. I ask that you keep my office informed of the status of this application.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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