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February 10, 2021

Mary S. Johnson
Vice President
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

Dear Ms. Johnson

It is with heartfelt respect and admiration that I write this letter of support for The Huntington National Bank.

Huntington Bank is demonstrating the extraordinary leadership we urgently need if we are going to move forward together as a nation. I applaud Huntington for their commitment and for their precedent and joining other corporate leaders who really understand what it means to invest in our communities.

Huntington's continued actions regarding community partnerships has not only set new standards but follow their long-time practices. Black and under-resourced people served by the Urban League have benefitted enormously from Huntington Bank and its leadership team. Huntington has made substantial financial donations – enough to support our work and help renovate a historic building where today we serve minority owned businesses. But leadership did not stop there. They encouraged other donors, joined, and now lead our board and their top leaders became personally involved, offering coaching and mentoring, connections, and ideas.

They have always been a genuine partner – not just an occasional donor.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and escalating racial tensions, they actively sought to advance social equity for their colleagues and our community through their Community Investment Plan which focus on access to capital, home lending and affordable housing economic security and inclusion and basic needs focused on Philanthropy. While many companies and organizations have taken steps to be awesome corporate partners, Huntington National Bank has set an example for other corporations to emulate.

Sincerely

Stephanie Hightower
President & CEO



February 11, 2021

Mary S. Johnson
Vice President
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1455 East Sixth Street
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

I am writing in support of Huntington Bank's desire to merge with TCF of Detroit. I am the President/CEO of Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP), a nonprofit serving the needs of our greater communities since 1965 with a current budget of \$55 million.

In my leadership role at GLCAP, I have had the opportunity to work with Huntington Bank for many years. In my experience, the staff at Huntington are top-notch professionals who are embedded in the communities they live in and serve, and they deeply care about the health and vitality of those communities.

GLCAP has benefited from several monetary contributions from Huntington, as well as many partnerships where their staff come into our various programs to provide interactive educational opportunities for our participants, ranging from youth to senior citizens. We recently launched a Financial Opportunity Center serving several of our area counties, and Huntington has been an instrumental partner in this initiative.

Huntington is engaged in the community, putting action into that engagement. We are blessed to have them serving in our communities and we look forward to our continued partnership as we both continue to expand and deepen our impact.

All the best and take care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruthann House". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ruthann" being more prominent than the last name "House".

Ruthann House
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RE: Letter of Support

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Vice President
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Greetings Ms. Johnson,

I am writing from the southside of the City of Chicago in the interest of lending a voice of support to the upcoming merger of TCF Bank by Huntington National Bank.

As an institution, Huntington Bank has become an institutional partner with us as we support entrepreneurs in Chicago's most disinvested neighborhoods. Our communities need strong corporate partners who look seriously to provide investment, lending, and even philanthropic support in all parts of our city.

Huntington National Bank has provided board leadership, active personal engagement in addition to direct support for the work that we do to cultivate an equitable growing economy in all parts of our city. We are confident this merger will increase this commitment to a healthy institutional partnership throughout Chicago. We are confident this merger will be good for our city.

Respectfully yours,

Joel Hamernick

Joel Hamernick
Executive Director
Chicago's Sunshine Enterprises



washington local schools

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Dear Ms. Johnson,

This letter is in support and on behalf of our valued partner, Huntington National Bank. Over the past several months, we've benefited from the valued counsel and attention of both Regional President Sharon Speyer and Community Development Relationship Manager, Marisa Skaff.

Washington Local Schools is a K-12 school district with just under 7,000 students with about 50% of those students living in poverty. Recently, Washington Local has formed a schools' foundation to support projects that will provide our students with opportunities that stretch beyond the classroom.

Both Ms. Speyer and Ms. Skaff have given generously of their time and energy to help us plan for future success. Combined with the Virtual Economic Outlook, Community Plan and personal contacts, we have benefited greatly as we move our foundation from dream to reality.

I have had many relationships with financial institutions over the course of my lifetime both personally and professionally. The personal attention and encouragement we've received from Huntington—an institution where none of our district accounts are actually held—is beyond commendable.

We wish Huntington continued success and look forward to growing our relationship.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Johnson,

The YMCA of Greater Toledo and Huntington National Bank has enjoyed a long-standing partnership (20 years) to ensure the delivery of services to those that need help the most in our urban core as equally as the outer suburban ring of our communities. Huntington has taken an active role with our organization to work with us in understanding the needs and the best way for them to support that work.

Sharon Speyer, Regional President, meets on a semi-annual basis with me to discuss updates to our programming and focus to see what can be done to further our work and make sure no barriers exist to participate.

Marisa Skaff, Community Development Relationship Manager, has taken an active interest in the work we do. Before Marisa, Christopher Kozak, with the same position, was very interested in the work the YMCA does and how Huntington can help.

Huntington has also taken a strong interest in helping our Annual Campaigns get off to a strong start by helping host Campaign Kick-off meetings at The Huntington Center for branches that serve the heart of our city's urban core. This support included attendance to a sporting event inside Huntington Center for the families of the Y branches participating in the event.

The YMCA of Greater Toledo focuses on ensuring as many youth as possible develop the fundamental skills necessary to enjoy learning and maintain grade-level expectations to succeed in school. The Y's Success in School programs includes Kindergarten Readiness, School-age, and our teen program, Y-Achievers, formerly known as Youth Opportunities Program.

Our Success in School education programs are aligned with Aspire Toledo, TutorSmart, and surrounding school districts. The Y is considered an early-adopter of data-driven decision-making, evidence-based reporting, and is a "boots on the ground" implementer. Note that our programs operate year-round, not just when school is open. More than 60% of our participants are at or below the poverty level.

The YMCA relies on strong partnerships within the community that have mutual goals to serve those who need help. Huntington has proven to be a trusted partner that deeply cares for the community.

Sincerely,

Brad Toft
President and CEO
YMCA of Greater Toledo

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Dear Ms. Johnson:

As President of Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago (NHS), I am writing on behalf of the organization to express our support for Huntington Bank's merger with TCF Bank. NHS has partnered with Huntington Bank for well over a decade. Through that partnership, NHS has furthered its work to improve community wellbeing. We greatly value the bank's continued commitment to NHS and to making a critical and positive impact in the communities we serve.

NHS is recognized as a national leader in affordable homeownership and neighborhood revitalization. Established in 1975, the agency provides practical resources to working families and works to create thriving communities in underserved Chicago neighborhoods. NHS provides services to thousands of families across the Chicago metropolitan area and Cook County.

NHS works closely with Huntington Bank in myriad ways. Through our partnership, we provide lending via our CDFI, Neighborhood Lending Services, and also benefit from Huntington Bank employee volunteers serving in a hands-on capacity in our neighborhood programs and workshops. Huntington is also as members of our Trustee committee. Examples of the bank's commitment include participation in neighborhood trolley tours (pre-Covid), virtual workshop presentations during the pandemic, investment in our shared-risk lending pool (PSSA) to provide mortgage loans to low-moderate income home buyers, and providing grants to NHS which support our operations and outreach in the service of disinvested neighborhoods.

NHS looks forward to a continued partnership with Huntington Bank. We believe its growth and expansion in our target neighborhoods through merger with TCF Bank will strengthen our relationship and further our partnered work in making a positive impact for Chicago area communities of color. Should you require further information about our support of Huntington Bank or details of our partnership with them, please don't hesitate to reach out. I may be reached at: asimpkins@nhschicago.org

Best regards,



Anthony Simpkins
President & CEO



Wolfe, Tani M

From: M. Razi Rafeeq
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:55 PM
To: CLEV Comments Applications
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Subject: [External] Islamic Food Bank of Toledo

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Ms Johnson,

The current COVID-19 crisis has significantly impacted our community. With Huntington National Bank's assistance, the Islamic Food Bank of Toledo (IFBT) has been at the forefront of serving those most in need.

Both IFBT and the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo (ICGT) have been clients of Huntington for many years. For IFBT's part, we stay with Huntington because of the high caliber of customer service. We are also proud to count many Huntington employees as longtime volunteers and board leaders.

In our regular operations at the IFBT, we have always strived to serve the most vulnerable. At the onset of the pandemic, we saw the disproportionate impact that school shutdowns, layoffs, and limited business operations had on those we serve. Our goal has been to extend existing services and act as a lifeline to anyone in need.

To meet increased community needs, we expanded our services to include the following: 1) pantry in Perrysburg open to anyone in need, 2) meals to students in Washington Local and Perrysburg School districts, 3) meals, snacks, and shelf-stable food items to families and staff at Sunshine Communities, and 4) meals and food bags to area shelter homes and community centers.

Populations we currently serve include: a) schoolchildren who do not have access to free or subsidized meals and snacks, b) individuals who are out of work, c) families with limited or no source of income, d) homebound elderly, e) persons with disabilities and/or special needs, f) individuals that lost access to meal assistance via behavioral health and substance abuse programs, and others.

Our demographics include White, Black, Latino(a), Asian, and other minorities, as well as refugee families.

IFBT has diversified our food supplies through existing partnerships with SeaGate Food Bank and Panera (via the Day-End Dough-Nation Program) as well as through new partnerships with Connecting Kids to Meals (CKM) and the Sam Okun Produce Company (via a USDA-sponsored program). Our offerings include fresh produce, dairy items such as milk, butter, and cheese, and fresh and frozen chicken and meat. In-kind donations through our partnerships extend the impact of our funders' dollars, including Huntington's generous support.

Our volunteers are wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Our leaders are innovating and problem-solving every day to improve service delivery and empower community involvement. The support that Huntington has provided has been integral to our continued success in feeding more people across northwest Ohio.

Warm regards,

M. Razi Rafeeq

Executive Director

Islamic Food Bank of Toledo

Our mission is to Feed the Hungry and Spread Peace



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From: Jeff Scott <jscott@bgcneo.org>
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Dear Ms. Johnson,

On behalf of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio, I'd like to offer my support of Huntington Bank as a premier partner for our mission, our kids, and our organization.

For many years, Huntington has provided support in the form of significant financial contributions, volunteers, resources, banking services, endowment services, and board members. Currently, across the 5 boards that support our organization, Huntington has three senior-level board members who work in concert to ensure the communities and kids we serve are taken care of. Furthermore, those board members provide mentorship and leadership for our team.

Thank you for your consideration of such an important partner for our organization, kids and communities.

Sincerely,

Jeff Scott
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February 11, 2021



To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to provide support for the merger between Huntington Bank and TCF Bank. Families First has been serving the Indianapolis community since 1835, when our organization was formed to help settlers as they began their new lives in Indiana. Our mission is to create healthier communities by strengthening families and individuals during life's challenges. We appreciate their ongoing commitment to support nonprofits in this community. Our organization provides help to our neighbors who are struggling with mental health needs, who are survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, and whose families have been affected by other forms of trauma.

Huntington Bank has partnered with Families First to be stewards of our mission in the community, providing us with financial support for our fundraising events and providing us with access to excellent fiscal/business management events. I am aware that they also support the work of a number of other nonprofits in our community and are viewed as a corporation that really cares about the needs of the community that they serve.

Huntington Bank is an excellent bank that provides personal attention to its customers, but what they provide in this community goes well beyond banking, they are excellent community members. We look forward to continuing to partner with Huntington Bank and its amazing staff and are happy to support their merger with TCF Bank.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gina Hays".

Gina Hays
Director – Communications & Development
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