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Ms. LeAnn Thurman
Kansas Department of Commerce
1000 SW Jackson Street, #100
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Ms. Thurman:

This letter is written in support of CLO's application for the 2016-2017 Kansas Community Service Program.

CLO is requesting \$250,000 worth of state tax credits to help raise \$500,000 for its Home Improvement program. Revenue raised with the help of tax credits will fund renovation and upgrading of the properties through which CLO provides the bulk of their community living services. This will include exterior and interior improvements, accessibility modifications, and safety upgrades to our homes in Douglas County.

Appropriate, affordable housing continues to be one of the largest barriers to a full and healthy life for people with disabilities. CLO provides one of the few avenues through which people with significant needs in the Douglas County community can access all of the supports necessary to live in the community, including adequate homes.

The CLO Home Improvement proposal will protect the investment that taxpayers and the community have made in CLO since 1991. Bringing their facilities and properties up to date and in line with current state regulations will protect property values in the surrounding neighborhoods, and additionally the wellbeing of the people they serve.

Without reservation, I offer my support to CLO's Home Improvement initiative to repair and renovate its properties, which offer much-needed services for adults and children with special needs and their families.

Sincerely,

Mike Amyx
Mayor

