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Mr. John Edmond, Regional Representative  
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**RE: FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge Notice of Funding Opportunity EDA-HDQ-ARPBBS-2021-2006976 – Phase 2**

Dear Mr. Edmond:

On behalf of Opportunity Village, I am writing to share our support for Southern Nevada's Build Back Better Regional Challenge Phase 2 grant proposal, led by the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance (LVGEA). The proposal focuses on the growth of the Southern Nevada region's advanced manufacturing industry cluster through the advancement of four (4) tightly aligned, transformative projects with an emphasis on job creation, economic outputs, equity, and sustainability. Together, these projects will create a long-term, transformational plan for rebuilding Southern Nevada's regional economy that is fully aligned with the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).

Opportunity Village is a not-for-profit organization that serves people throughout our community with intellectual disabilities, to enhance their lives and the lives of the families who love them. Our vision is to be a national leader in providing enrichment, empowerment, and employment opportunities for people with ID/DD and related disabilities. We are a workforce partner delivering services such as custodial, light manufacturing, and document destruction. We also proudly partner with organizations throughout our community to provide employment opportunities for the people we serve.

Opportunity Village looks forward to working with LVGEA and the Southern Nevada's Build Back Better Coalition on Phase 2 of this initiative. LVGEA is an important lead for this grant, and the breadth of the partners assembled to establish the coalition behind this proposal signals the community is aligned in our understanding of the opportunity this grant will bring to enhancing our regional economy in the identified project areas. If you have any questions, please contact me at [mayt@opportunityvillage.org](mailto:mayt@opportunityvillage.org) or 702-612-0083.

Sincerely,

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Chief Administrative Officer