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April 18, 2012

Mr. Larry V. Green
President and CEO
HoustonWorks USA
2118 Smith St
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Dear Mr. Green:

On behalf of the 29th Congressional District of Texas, it is with pleasure that I write in support of HoustonWorks USA and your request to the U.S. Department of Labor for funding the YouthBuild program, which you have operated for the past three years.

Having joined your YouthBuild team last year to participate in the rehabilitation of a disabled veteran's home in Jacinto City, one of the several community service projects YouthBuild Houston performed for constituents of the 29th Congressional District, we were able to see their commitment and the quality of work first-hand.

We recognize the importance of programs like YouthBuild Houston because it gives young people an opportunity to return to school and receive vocational training. Investments in YouthBuild Houston prepare our youth for the future through education and training, and provide them with a venue for becoming civically engaged in improving their community. We have worked with HWUSA on many workforce initiatives for almost twenty years and can think of none more important than YouthBuild Houston.

We are pleased to be able to continue our support of your proposal. We look forward to continuing to use your excellent program as a resource for the youth in District 29. Please do not hesitate to contact Veronica Custer, of my office, at 202-225-1688 if we can be of further assistance to you, and thank you for the services you provide for our community.

Sincerely,


Gene Green
Member of Congress