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Monroe County Office of Purchasing & Central Services 200 County Office Building Rochester, NY 14614 Attn: ARPA-RFP Coordinator

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to support the application of the Urban League of Rochester, NY, Inc. and their partners for the Unemployed/Underemployed Workforce Development Program.

LawNY is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation established to prove access to the justice system for low-income people and other vulnerable populations who have civil legal problems. LawNY serves fourteen counties in Western New York from our seven different office locations. We are committed to providing community-wide solutions to the challenges of the poor and otherwise disadvantaged through the provision of high-quality legal services and the effective integration of legal and non-legal services. The Rochester office of LawNY provides services in the areas of Employment, Housing, Government Benefits, Elder Law and Health Law. We maintain programs focused on holistically meeting the legal needs of specific populations through our Seniors, Re-entry and Veterans projects. In addition to our advocacy work, LawNY Rochester also operates two application and enrollment projects that assist individuals in applying for SNAP and/or health insurance benefits.

If awarded funding for the development of this program, LawNY will work in collaboration with the Urban League of Rochester and its partners to provide legal advice or representation in areas listed above for eligible program participants, if needed, and provide presentations relevant to the needs of program participants.

In conclusion, LawNY fully supports the Urban League of Rochester's application for funding to provide environmental abatement and remediation and construction training, as well as other supports to assist in the development of credentialing and employment for those who continue to experience barriers to meaningful employment and the accumulation of intergenerational wealth.

Sincerely,

Lori M. O'Brien, Esq.

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