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Dear Ms. Ness:

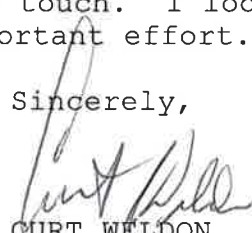
Thank you for contacting me with your interest in the future of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). I appreciate your involvement and continued support for my efforts here in Congress to ensure adequate funding levels for the CSBG.

As you may know, I have initiated letters to both House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich and House Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman John Porter about the vital importance of the FY-97 funding levels of the CSBG. I was joined by 97 of my colleagues in this effort and early word indicates that the President's proposed \$75 million cut in the CSBG has been rejected and the FY-97 funding level maintained for FY-98.

Rest assured, I will continue to push forward on this initiative and will use you and other CAP agencies as an example of how the CSBG is put to good use.

Again, thank you for getting in touch. I look forward to working with you further on this important effort.

Sincerely,


CURT WELDON
Member of Congress

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