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April 27, 2021

Congressman Christopher H. Smith
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Dear Congressman Smith:

The Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey Community Health Center (VNACJ CHC) is a vital support and partner to Monmouth County. From its earliest work as a mobile clinic operating as a department of the county's then-Organization for Social Services, to its preeminence today as a full-service, multi-located, comprehensive federally-qualified health center, I have long known and appreciated the wide-ranging contributions of the VNACJ CHC to the diverse residents that comprise our central New Jersey county.

In Red Bank, VNACJ-CHC has been an essential provider of high-quality healthcare services to the poor, vulnerable and immigrant residents of the Borough since 2006. During 2020, their heroic staff kept their health center open when many others closed due to COVID-19. They served over 4,300 patients last year. VNACJ-CHC has outgrown its Red Bank facility and is planning to relocate to a larger and better located facility within the Borough. The new location will allow for easier transportation and access for the patient population that needs their services, including an estimated 3,800 area residents who are currently underserved for healthcare.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention that in addition to the vital work VNACJ-CHC is doing in providing healthcare to our vulnerable residents throughout Monmouth County, the organization has been the leading FQHC in New Jersey in administering COVID-19 vaccines. To date, they have administered over 70,000 vaccines, over 19% of which have been delivered to African-American and Hispanic residents-- rates that exceed those demographics in the County. 15,000 vaccines have been by VNACJ-CHC administered in Red Bank.

The Monmouth County Board of Commissioners deeply appreciates the great work of the VNACJ-CHC and we wholeheartedly support their expansion in Red Bank.

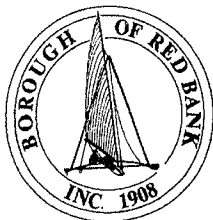
Sincerely,

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Thomas A. Arnone
Director
Monmouth County Board of Commissioner

"SEPTEMBER 2d, 1609 THIS IS A VERY GOOD LAND TO FALL IN WITH AND A PLEASANT LAND TO SEE."

Entry in the log of Henry Hudson's Ship Half Moon made after the Dutch Explorer became the first European to come ashore in what was later known as Monmouth County



Borough of Red Bank

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April 26, 2021

Congressman Christopher H. Smith
Rayburn House Office Building, 2373
Washington D.C., 20515

Re: Support for VNA of Central Jersey Community Health Center's Red Bank Expansion

Dear Congressman Smith:

The VNA of Central Jersey Community Health Center (VNACJ-CHC) has been serving the poor, vulnerable and immigrant citizens of the Borough of Red Bank with high quality healthcare services since 2006. In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, their heroic staff at the Red Bank Primary Care Center served 4,377 patients with 7,043 visits in their second floor office of a small office building on Bergen Ave.

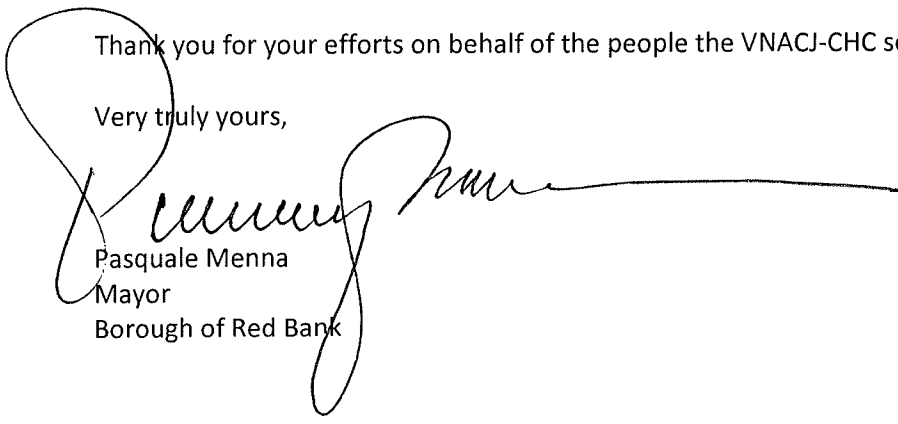
They have outgrown their current facility and there are an additional 3,800 area citizens, including children, living below the poverty level that need their services.

I wholeheartedly endorse VNACJ-CHC's planned move to a much larger facility, with double or more of their existing exam rooms, at an ideally located first floor location on Bridge Ave, across the street from the NJ Transit Train Station. The larger location and easy access to transportation will enable the CHC, a Federally Qualified Health Center, to serve more citizens of my Borough and the surrounding communities.

In addition to the heroic work they are doing in their health centers, VNACJ-CHC has been a leader in delivering COVID-19 vaccines to the people of Central New Jersey. They have administered over 68,000 shots in Monmouth County, including over 14,000 in Red Bank at our Community YMCA. Most importantly, they have demonstrated compassion, integrity and leadership in delivering the vaccines to the African-American and Hispanic communities at rates that exceed those demographics in the County.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the people the VNACJ-CHC serves. This one is important.

Very truly yours,


Pasquale Menna
Mayor
Borough of Red Bank



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VIN GOPAL
Senator, 11th District
Majority Conference Leader

April 27, 2021

Representative Christopher H. Smith
Rayburn House Office Building, 2373
Washington D.C., 20515

Re: VNACJ-CHC request for federal funding to expansion in Red Bank

Dear Representative Smith:

As a lifelong resident of Monmouth County with the honor of serving as the State Senator from the 11th Legislative District, I am well aware to the important work Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey Community Health Center (VNACJ-CHC) is doing in the Borough of Red Bank. By relocating and expanding their facility in Red Bank, VNACH-CHC will be able to double the number of Red Bank area patients, the poor, vulnerable and immigrant residents of the area, it serves with high quality medical care.

VNACJ-CHC's planned move to a much larger facility, with double or more of their existing exam rooms, at an ideally located first floor location on Bridge Ave, across the street from the NJ Transit Train Station, has my enthusiastic support.

The VNACJ-CHC is a vital support and partner to Monmouth County. I know that our District could not serve its residents without the commitment, professionalism and partnership of VNACJ's health centers. Thousands of my constituents receive quality primary care each year at their locations throughout our County.

Thank you for championing the VNACJ-CHC's application for federal funding at this site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Vin Gopal".

Senator Vin Gopal
NJ Senate, 11th District