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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Chris Smith
U.S. House of Representatives
112 Village Center Drive
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Dear Congressman Smith:

We are writing in support of the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County's request for Community Project Funding for the Renovation and Revitalization of Camp Zehnder located in Wall Township, NJ.

The Greater Monmouth Area YMCA is a well-established and respected organization that provides a variety of vital services to children and adults of all communities and backgrounds in Monmouth County and Southern Ocean County. We are aware that their 140-acre Camp Zehnder, which provides day camp activities and counseling services to hundreds of families each year, is in need of considerable repair and upgrade in order to continue to meet the needs of the community. It is for this reason that the organization is embarking on Phase One of this important Camp Zehnder Revitalization Plan, which will include the installation of a commercial generator to ensure safe, year-round operation of the camp; the construction of new facilities to expand indoor capacity; and the repair, refurbishment and renovation to existing on-site buildings.

These steps are necessary to meet the growing demand of the area, which includes generous financial assistance to lower income families. Once completed, the camp is expected to serve twice as many families and provide a host of new services.

Thank you for your consideration in reviewing the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County's request. I am proud to recommend them for federal funding and look forward to the impact these improvements will have on our community.

Sincerely,

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Senator, 11th District
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March 30, 2023

Dear Congressman Smith,

I am pleased to support the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County in its request to receive federal funding for the revitalization of their YMCA Camp Zehnder.

The YMCA of Greater Monmouth County has been serving the community since 1874 and has continuously evolved to meet the changing needs of our neighbors. Throughout the pandemic, the Y was a hub for community support providing space for blood drives, food collection and distribution, COVID-19 testing & vaccinations, and a sense of community for seniors struggling with isolation.

The revitalization of YMCA Camp Zehnder will strengthen the Y's ability to serve our neighbors, particularly those with limited opportunities. By having accessible and affordable mental health professionals at their local YMCA, they are removing barriers for children and families to seek the support they need. Seniors will continue to have a safe, welcoming facility where they can socialize and stay active. Children and teens will have access to recreation, STEAM activities, and nurturing care in an inclusive environment.

Thank you for your consideration in reviewing the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County's request. I am proud to recommend them for federal funding and look forward to the impact these improvements will have on the Monmouth County community. Should you have any questions or comments, you can contact me at SenGopal@njleg.org or by phone at (732) 695-3371.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Vin Gopal", written in a cursive style.

Vin Gopal
Senator, 11th District



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Dear Congressman Smith,

As the VP of the VNACJ Children & Family Health Institute, I am pleased to support the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County in its request to receive federal funding for the revitalization of their YMCA Camp Zehnder.

Through the provision of more than 24 community-based healthcare and preventive safety net programs that operate across several New Jersey counties, with a primary focus on Monmouth, Middlesex and Ocean counties, the Children and Family Health Institute (CFHI) staff provide a pathway to health and wellness for more than 57,000 vulnerable individuals of all ages, stages and circumstances annually. The CFHI maternal child and public health programs such as evidence-based national home visitation models, WIC, Early Intervention, Special Child Health, County Council for Young Children, Family Advocate, Integrated Care for Kids (InCK), School-based Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Community Care Coordination, Senior Wellness and the Public Health Nurse illustrates the Institute's widespread influence on the very population that this project plans to engage. VNA's CFHI has worked closely with the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County in the provision of counseling for children and families, working together with the Bayshore Family Success Center, as well as partnering on grant activities.

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