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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the approval of the Midwest Center for Foreign Investment, LLC (MCFI) as a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) designated Regional Center to participate in the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program (EB-5 Pilot Program) pursuant to Section 610 of the Appropriations Act of 1992. As an EB-5 Regional Center in the Midwest Region of the United States, the center's focus will be on census tract areas of the Kentucky, Indiana and other nearby mid-western states having unemployment exceeding one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the national average. The Center's initial application includes counties located in the Lincoln Trail and KIPDA Area Development Districts are largely rural and have Targeted Employment Areas (TEAs) that have census tract areas of unemployment, which exceed 150% of the national average.

This center is dedicated to creating jobs and investment by foreign nationals in this region. This includes possible assistance in the development of the Museum Plaza Building in downtown Louisville and the redevelopment of the historic Colgate plant in Clarksville, Indiana, which at its peak employed 1,600 people. The Museum Plaza Building and the Colgate project are both located in the KIPDA ADD. Other projects in both the Lincoln Trail ADD and the KIPDA ADD will be submitted for approval by the USCIS after determining that they qualify per the criteria outlined for the EB-5 Visa Pilot Program.

It is my understanding that in return for their investment of \$500,000 or more in a U.S. business which creates ten (10) or more new jobs in rural areas or census tract areas of high unemployment, foreign nationals may become eligible to apply for permanent residency status in the United States of America under the EB-5 visa Pilot Program established for this purpose by the USCIS. This will be of great help to areas of our state, which are currently in need of economic stimulus, and this program of job creation and financial investment will be well received by local citizens. This program has been under-utilized in past years but with the current economic down-turn

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nationally, it will help relieve the burden of funding job stimulus plans by U.S. tax payers and jobs will be created in areas of high unemployment.

As you may know, Kentucky and Indiana have been listed as having several areas of extremely high unemployment and are in great need of a job creations stimulus such as this. This Midwest Center can be an engine for growth and job creation in other areas of Kentucky, Indiana and the Midwest Region, which have had job losses and are faced with high unemployment rates. The entire Lincoln Trail area is faced with the need to create jobs in the fields of healthcare, residential housing, retirement housing, infrastructure creation and education to support the BRAC initiative at Fort Knox and the NAATBatt project at Glendale, Kentucky. There is a great need for job creation in our ADD district to support these endeavors and provide the infrastructure necessary for these projects.

For these reasons, the Lincoln Trail ADD gives its full endorsement for your approval of the Midwest Center for Foreign Investment's application as a designated Regional Center of the USCIS and as a participant in the EB-5 Pilot Program.

Sincerely.

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