Dear Director Thompson,

Based out of Kansas City, Northern Neighborhoods Inc.’s mission is to better our neighborhoods, neighbors, and communities. It would be difficult to significantly impact our neighbors if it were not for the financial support from FHLB Des Moines and its competitive Affordable Housing Program awards, which provides us with the resources to fulfill our goals as a nonprofit.

Without FHLB Des Moines, there would be many instances where we would have no choice but to turn away clients in need of assistance. Many of our clients come from rural areas where they cannot access funding within the city limits. Grants from FHLB Des Moines allow us to enter struggling communities that we otherwise would not have the funding to help. At NNI, we focus on home repair and rehabilitation so that individuals and communities can remain intact. We better our neighborhoods by providing education, resources and emergency assistance, and encouraging independence.

We have countless stories in which FHLB Des Moines funding played an instrumental role in our clients’ lives. Whether our client is an 86-year-old woman walking 4 miles to our office, fixing the sewage system for a family whose child has cancer, or painting a 101-year-old man’s house, the resources we receive help us to change the lives of those in difficult situations.

FHLB Des Moines has been able to help us support clients in ways we ordinarily would not be able to. The Affordable Housing Program is the first that has allowed us to work in attached homes such as townhomes. More doors opened by program flexibility further help us to be a resource to those in need. Despite the tangible solutions we provide our clients, we often pride ourselves on simply being a connection for those in need when they may not have outside support.

Nonprofit organizations such as NNI would not be successful without programs like the Affordable Housing Program, provided by the FHLB System. FHLB Des Moines has multiplied our efforts by awarding resources to our organization, therefore improving the lives of those with whom we interact. Without our partnership with FHLB Des Moines, our waitlists would lengthen significantly, and we would have to turn many away from our services. We are fortunate to have such a strong partnership with FHLB Des Moines.

Sincerely,

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.