



April 14, 2022

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
503 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Brown,

The Tremont West Development Corporation enthusiastically supports the Ukrainian Museum-Archives (UMA) request to you for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS). The Ukrainian-American community first settled in Tremont in the late 19th Century and has had an uninterrupted presence ever since. The UMA is an important institution sharing Ukrainian culture and documenting the history of immigration to the United States and especially Ohio. In the 1980s when there was an exodus from Cleveland due to highway construction and the decline of manufacturing, the UMA made a conscious decision to remain in Tremont to contribute to what they envisioned as a revival of our city.

Today, the UMA has permanent as well as rotating exhibits. They sponsor regular events and routinely welcome U.S. government-funded delegations from Ukraine. Scholars from the U.S., Ukraine, Canada and other countries avail themselves of their voluminous collections, both with in-person research and electronically. Their annual Easter Bazaar, Christmas celebration and summer Kupala Fest bring thousands of people to Tremont. The UMA summer intern program as well as regular field trips introduce young people to what is now one of Ohio's most vibrant neighborhoods.

With a modest start in 1952, the UMA now has three buildings; one of which is undeveloped but has enormous potential to enhance the appearance of a strategically-located plot across from Lincoln Park and allow the Museum to better manage their collections and new acquisitions. That is why they're requesting CDS.

I could go on, but suffice it to say that the Ukrainian Museum-Archives is a highly professional organization, attracting top talent and dedicated volunteers and accomplishing a great deal with a modest budget. Our community and country would be well-served by your approval of the Congressionally Directed Spending request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,


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