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Dear CRA Board of Directors,

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I'd like to start this letter by expressing deep gratitude on behalf of our entire community for CRA's recent commitment of \$75,000 to support our ongoing capital campaign to make necessary improvements to our 137-year-old historic facility. The CRA's support over the

past few years has been both an honor and affirmation of the important work that we have done in Cambridge for over 90 years. We deeply admire your commitment to the well-being of all Cambridge residents, which is demonstrated through your strategic investments in

community-based organizations.

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OUR MISSION

THE CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER PROMOTES COMMUNITY COOPERATION AND UNITY AND EMPOWERS YOUTH, INDIVIDUALS, AND FAMILIES. WE DO THIS BY OFFERING SOCIAL, CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

I am writing to humbly request that the \$75,000 commitment be increased to the full \$100,000 commitment that was requested in our initial application that was submitted in September. I completely understand that we still have another \$25,000 commitment from CRA that we have not yet tapped into and the logic behind limiting this most recent gift due to that outstanding balance. However, as we work to raise \$2 million to support the next phase of our renovations, every single penny counts. The additional \$25,000 that we are requesting would get us that much closer to reaching our goal and beginning renovations on our building that are long overdue.

As an update on the status of our project, we are now mapping out the final details for the installation of our new commercial kitchen. We look forward to hosting a ribbon-cutting event to unveil our new kitchen in 2020, at which we will go public with our capital campaign. We are confident that the energy and excitement that is generated by unveiling our new kitchen will catalyze fundraising and allow us to reach our goal in 2021.

The children, youth, and families who depend on our programs and services every single day deserve a safe and comfortable facility to learn, grow, and develop in. We gratefully look forward to a continued partnership with CRA to make these ambitious goals a reality.

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Best Regards,