C.D.B.G. TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BY:GARY W. RICER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GMN TRI COUNTY CAC, INC. MARCH 24, 2006

On behalf of the residents of Guernsey Monroe and Noble County, I would like to submit this testimony of the need for the continuation of funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

GMN Tri County CAC, Inc. has administered the CDBG program for the Noble County Commissioners for the past twelve years. This program is discretionary funding which permits the local Elected Officials to complete much needed projects within their local jurisdictions which they could not do without CDBG funds.

During the past years we have been able to complete the following projects within Noble County:

- 1. Helped purchase Fire Trucks for volunteer fire departments.
- 2. Purchase needed supplies for volunteer fire departments.
- 3. Installed side walks.
- 4. Installed water lines.
- 5. Installed Dry Fire Hydrants.
- 6. Demolition of Buildings.
- 7. Renovation of Buildings.
- 8. Helped purchase Senior Citizens Vans.
- 9. Purchase Park Equipment for small villages within Noble County.
- 10. Engineering fees for proposed sewer lines.

We have received a significant reduction in grant funds over the past three years:

2004 \$67,000. 2005 \$63,000. 2006 \$57,000.

I am urging your support of the continued funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Respectfully Yours,

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