

El Centro de las Américas
Lincoln, Nebraska USA

February 24, 2010

Hon. Senator Ben Nelson
720 Hart Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Ben Nelson:

El Centro de las Américas requests your support of a Federal Appropriation request for the Clyde Malone Community Center Facility Expansion and Renovation Project. This project will allow the Clyde Malone Community Center and El Centro de las Américas to expand current programs and add essential social services well need by the African-American and Hispanic Community.

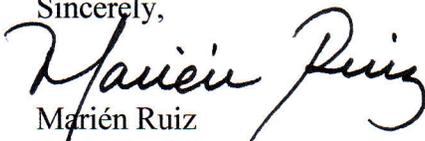
El Centro was founded in 1982 as the Hispanic Community Center, and became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 1983. El Centro's mission is **"to empower and educate the Hispanic/Latino families and the community at large"**. Services were initially designed to introduce newly arrived, low-income Latinos to opportunities available to them for education, advocacy, and support. El Centro de las Américas is co-located with the Malone Center at 2032 "U" Street. The Clyde Malone Center's Facility Expansion and Renovation project is a highly visible, capital improvement that complements the large investment of public and private funds in a core Lincoln neighborhood.

El Centro de las Américas encourages your support of the Clyde Malone Center Facility Expansion and Renovation Project highlighting the following reasons:

- The strength of this project is the collaboration between the Clyde Malone Center (African-American Community Center) and El Centro de las Américas (Hispanic Community Center).
- This project furthers the community revitalization goal of the Antelope Valley Project.
- This request represents only 12.5% of the estimated total cost of the project.

If you need additional information or have questions please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (402) 474-3950 or e-mail marienruiz@elcentrodelasamericas.org

Sincerely,


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