April 12, 2022

Andrew Powers
Chief Development Officer
YMCA of Greater Rochester
444 East Main Street
Rochester, New York 14604

Dear Andrew:

As the State Senator representing the City of Canandaigua, I am pleased to send this letter in support of the YMCA’s Congressional Direct Spending request. Responding to the needs of working-class families and a rapidly aging population in the Canandaigua area, capital funding is being requested for the creation of a new YMCA in the City of Canandaigua.

This new YMCA, to be named the Sands Family YMCA thanks to the incredible generosity of the Sands Family Foundation, will be a community hub for all. The YMCA understands the importance of meeting the needs of people of all ages and this new facility will serve more than ever possible at its previous location.

The Sands Family YMCA will be nationally recognized for its’ innovation and design. This state-of-the-art facility will offer a vast array of programs and services to achieve the YMCA’s mission through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. There will be three studios for group exercise, multiple gymnasiums – one with turf – two pools with an indoor splash playground, a creator’s space and teaching kitchen. In addition to spaces inside the facility, the Sands Family YMCA will allow space for a Day Camp outside, on-site medical services and a full-day licensed childcare center. The new facility will create new jobs and allow more parents to return to work as they utilize the childcare center and day camp.

I lend complete support to the Sands Family YMCA’s effort to obtain a Congressional Direct Spending request, and appreciate your thorough consideration of its application.

Thank you for your consideration. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Pamela A. Helming
Senator, 54th District
The Honorable Chris Jacobs  
214 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jacobs,

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United Way has funded the before and after school childcare program and summer camp for 20+ years, believing in its value to working families and our community. The possibility of what a facility like this can bring to a community is truly exciting.

Thank you for considering the YMCA’s request and supporting this wonderful community.

Sincerely,

Kari E. Buch  
Associate Director of Community Impact  
United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes
April 19, 2022

The Honorable Chris Jacobs
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Letter of Support – Sands Family YMCA in Canandaigua

Dear Representative Jacobs,

I am asking for your support of the request of Federal funding to the Sands Family YMCA in Canandaigua. This new state of the art facility will provide many and much needed services to Canandaigua and surrounding communities. The new YMCA will provide much needed handicapped accessibility, parking and additional space needed to add programs in healthy living and youth development that our current YMCA is greatly lacking. New to this YMCA will be on-site medical services, outdoor activity space, licensed day childcare, a teaching kitchen and more. The Sands family YMCA will create jobs and provide childcare and day camps for working parents.

I thank you for your consideration in the Sands Family YMCA funding request.

Sincerely,

Bob Palumbo
Mayor
April 14, 2022

Hon. Chris Jacobs
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jacobs,

As the president and CEO of the Ontario County Chamber of Commerce, I offer my wholehearted support of the proposed new YMCA in Canandaigua, NY, and ask that Representative Jacobs consider directing Federal funding to the project. Its design is thoughtful, environmentally appropriate and planned with the future in mind.

What’s more, the project is being spearheaded by the Sands [Constellation Brands] Family, perhaps one of the most forward-thinking and generous investors in upstate New York.

The proposed new YMCA facilities and programs will address many long-standing challenges in Canandaigua and Ontario County, including additional and more varied programs for youth, the aged and other populations facing negative social determinants of health. Its integrated creator’s space, training kitchen, multiple gymnasiums and two swimming pools will instill curiosity and develop social and functional skills for people of all ages. And its proposed on-site medical service center will directly address key aspects of access to care. Not to be discounted: these enhancements will retain and add employment opportunities.

Half the funds required to make the new YMCA a reality have already been committed by the Sands Family. Private sector support is rallying around the project, yet Federal and State funding will be essential to the fully operationalize this truly pro-community project. As a league of businesses from across Ontario County and five contiguous counties, we support the use of public sector dollars to bring this project to fruition and thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Ethan S. Fogg, MPA
President & CEO
April 18, 2022

The Honorable Chris Jacobs
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Jacobs:

I am writing in support of the Sands Family YMCA efforts to secure funding through the Directed Spending process for FY23. The Canandaigua YMCA is planning to move to a new location to provide even better support for our community. As a board member for the Sands Family YMCA, I am honored to be a part of the YMCA’s extensive support to our community. I am also very proud of the efforts by so many to plan for the creation of a new, state of the art facility that will provide even greater support, especially to those in need within our community.

The new facility will provide for better childcare support, safety, and security for our children. The facility will provide for expanded preventive healthcare support in a time where more and more families are experiencing economic and social disadvantages because of the global pandemic as well as intense global and environmental challenges. The new facility will also provide greater access and service for an aging population in our area that will continue to grow in the next decade.

The Sands Family YMCA will provide for an exceptional array of community services from infants to senior citizens including youth development, health and socially responsible lifestyles, expansive recreational and exercise opportunities, a creators space, a teaching kitchen to support healthy living, multiple day camp opportunities, on-site medical services and a full day licensed childcare center to support working families in our community.

I hope that you will consider this important initiative and support its funding to expedite the completion of this important project that will serve so many in the Canandaigua and Finger Lakes area.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Nye, Ph.D.
President
Finger Lakes Community College
April 18, 2022

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214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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As the superintendent of the Canandaigua City School District, I know how important this project is for our community. Thank you for considering the YMCA’s request and supporting this wonderful community.

Sincerely,

Jamie M. Farr
Superintendent
Canandaigua City Schools
March 28, 2022

The Honorable Chris Jacobs
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jacobs,

On behalf of Constellation Brands, it is my pleasure to offer this letter of support for the YMCA’s Community Project Funding request for construction of the new Sands Family YMCA in Canandaigua (Ontario County). Constellation Brands has donated the land on which the facility will be built, and the Sands Family Foundation has provided $12M in capital funding and up to $1.5M in operating funding to bring this project to life. The project is expected to cost over $24M total. Federal investment in this project is critical to its success.

Canandaigua is in need of a resource to help more people truly thrive in this area, and I am certain that this new facility will make our community an even greater place to live, work, and visit. Federal investment in this project is critical to its success and will be celebrated by all involved, including the Sands Family, Constellation Brands, and YMCAs across the state and country.

The Sands family has been involved with the Y and its mission for decades. It began with my father, Marvin Sands, founder of Constellation Brands, and his desire for his employees and their families to have a place to go for childcare and recreation. The vision for this new YMCA is very much in line with his as we endeavor to create a community hub for all ages.

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Thank you for your continued leadership and advocacy for the Finger Lakes Region and Canandaigua. This indeed is a special place for all, and this new YMCA will be a treasure for the entire community. We are grateful for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

Richard Sands
Executive Vice Chairman
March 28, 2022

The Honorable Chris Jacobs  
214 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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This project is focused on addressing the needs of working families, children, and aging adults in the Canandaigua community. I can think of no better organization than the YMCA to support these critical members of our community. I am proud to support the creation of this new community hub.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]
The Honorable Chris Jacobs  
214 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  

Dear Congressman Jacobs  

As a board member of the Canandaigua YMCA, I am writing to support our request to help fund our upcoming project to build a new facility.  

As you undoubtedly know, the Y has been an important community asset in Canandaigua for over a century, providing opportunities for youth development, health and fitness, and social responsibility for our citizens. I’ve personally been a member of the Y for over forty years, and I can attest that in addition to helping me maintain a healthy weight and level of fitness, the Y has been one of my best avenues for to build deep and lasting friendships - the kind of connections that help knit our community together. And I’m only one of thousands who’ve found what they need at the Y.  

During my time as a Y member here, community participation has always exceeded the space needed. We outgrew the 1959 building I first knew, and with the 1990s addition that includes the former historic US Post Office building - not well-designed for Y activities - we still burst the facility’s seams. Space limits what we can offer the community - particularly a variety of fitness activities that appeal to all ages, family programs, and child care.  

Children’s programming uses a sliver of outdoor play space and must compete with popular adult and senior programs for gym and pool time. If we want kids to be physically literate and develop habits that lead to life-long wellness, they need dedicated space for active play - which they’ll get at our planned new facility.  

The Canandaigua community needs a new YMCA facility! And with the support of our Congressional delegation and the Sands Family Foundation, we’ll be well-positioned to garner the additional support we need to provide what our community clamors for. I hope we can count on your support to help us fund our much-needed new facility.  

Sincerely,  

Sally Crosiar  
Canandaigua YMCA Board Member  
Health Educator  
Child Care Consultant/Trainer
April 12, 2022

The Honorable Chris Jacobs
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jacobs,

I am writing in support of a project for the Canandaigua, NY Community. In 2020 I retired from the Canandaigua YMCA, after spending 31 years there, supporting the community. I started as Program Director in 1989 and spent my last 20 years as CEO. I watched and helped our YMCA grow from a small, community-based program center to a much larger asset for the community, serving more than 4 times the membership size with which I started. The facility has grown on a site that is difficult to navigate, especially with the great services the YMCA provides our aging population. A new facility will better unrestricted access for all.

A new YMCA will address key community issues as defined by various sources including:

• lack of adequate childcare available in the Canandaigua area, as well as surrounding communities.

• an aging population that will continue to grow quickly through the end of the decade

• growing numbers of families facing negative social determinants of health

• Healthcare (point of care) access, with an on-site facility.

The Sands Family YMCA will fulfill so many needs for the community. It will be fully accessible, for our seniors, people of all abilities, and individuals and families who need a place to be safe and healthy, together. The facilities will include physical activity space, as well as new areas to stretch the mind through practical education with a teaching kitchen, multi-function aquatic center and outdoor play spaces, which are lacking in the current location. Full day childcare and outdoor spaces for day camp will be major benefits. Finally, the Sands Family YMCA will create new jobs and allow more parents to get back to work as they utilize the innovative programs for their children.

Thank you for considering the Sands Family YMCA, in Canandaigua, as you move forward with your project funding cycle.

Sincerely,

Laurie O’Shaughnessy
Steven and Cheryl Swartout  
5415 Canandaigua-Farmington Town Line Road  
Canandaigua, New York 14424  

April 18, 2022  

The Honorable Chris Jacobs  
214 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  

Dear Representative Jacobs,  

We are pleased to send this letter in support of the YMCA’s funding request for capital support for its new community services facility that will provide critical programming of childcare, aging adult services, family services, drowning prevention, healthcare and physical/mental health wellness activity.  

Our children and our grandchildren all attended the YMCA pre-school program and learned to swim at the YMCA. The Canandaigua Y is a valuable and essential community resource.  

The new YMCA, to be named the Sands Family YMCA, thanks to the incredible generosity of the Sands Family Foundation will be a community hub for all. The YMCA understands the importance of meeting the needs of people of all ages and this new facility will serve more community members, young and old, than ever possible at its previous location.  

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Thank you for considering the YMCA’s request and supporting this wonderful community.  

Sincerely,  

Steven H. Swartout  
Director, Past Board Chair  

Cheryl L. Swartout
Dear Representative Jacobs,

I respectfully request your support of the Canandaigua YMCA’s funding request for assistance for its new community services facility. The new “Y” will provide essential programming for childcare, aging adults, families and virtually the entire Greater Canandaigua Community. These services, including drowning prevention, healthcare and physical/mental health wellness programs, will make Canandaigua a better place to live, work and play, the kind of place where anyone would want to raise a family.

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Sincerely,

Stephen J. Uebbing
April 19, 2022

The Honorable Chris Jacobs
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Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for YMCA Project - Canandaigua, New York

Dear Representative Jacobs:

I write to share my great enthusiasm and support for a funding request submitted by the Canandaigua YMCA. This project is a key element of addressing critical community needs including access to high-quality childcare, services for aging adults, physical and mental health programs and services for families, and recreation programs that span all demographics and abilities. The YMCA in Canandaigua is the bedrock of our communities’ continued effort to build an inclusive, welcoming environment in which all can thrive.

It is my great honor to serve as the Chair of the Canandaigua YMCA. I’ve witnessed first-hand the remarkable impact that of the programs, mentoring, and services provided by the staff and volunteers of the YMCA. My three daughters grew-up embedded in the YMCA family, and they all went on to be Division I athletes and even played on World Cup teams. As a community banker for more than 40 years, I’ve been very fortunate to witness the impact that a single institution, be it a bank or in this case the YMCA, can have on a community both collectively and individually. This Canandaigua YMCA project will ensure the ability to meet the ever-changing needs of our growing community.

The importance of the Canandaigua YMCA has been recognized by the Sands Family for whom the new facility will be named. That said, to fulfill our plans to meet the very real needs of our community, we need additional support. The request submitted by the Canandaigua YMCA is vital to ensure our success.

Thank you for your time in considering the request from the Canandaigua YMCA and for all of you support for our district.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Friend
6099 Rossier Road
Canandaigua, NY 14424
585-314-4943