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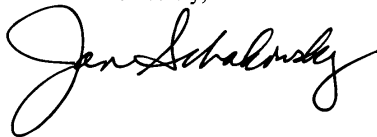
Dear Chief Berez:

I am writing to express my support for designation of the Chicagoland Foreign Investment Group as a regional center in the state of Illinois under the EB5 Pilot Program.

Illinois does not currently have a regional center to participate in the EB5 Pilot Program. I understand that the establishment of this regional center will provide my district, and others included within the 14 counties, with much needed economic development. I believe that my constituents will benefit from the creation of new jobs, increase in domestic capital investment, and overall economic growth of the region.

Again, I urge you to give serious consideration to Chicagoland Foreign Investment Group for this program, in keeping with applicable laws, rules and regulations. If you have any questions or need more information please contact my District Director Leslie Combs at 773-506-7100. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jan Schakowsky
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