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The Honorable Blaine A. Griffin  
President  
Cleveland City Council  
601 Lakeside Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Subject: **Legislation to be Introduced and Passed Under Suspension on May 23, 2022**

Dear Council President Griffin:

I am writing to ask your support for **Introduction and Passage Under Suspension of the Rules on May 23, 2022**, this is an emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to apply for and accept an in-kind grant services from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), for the City of Cleveland to participate in a one year Putting Assets to Work Incubator.

The purpose of the in-kind grant is to (1) maximize the use of public real estate assets to generate public revenues for community investment; (2) develop feasibility of Putting Assets to Work and (3) ascertain a proposed governance structure, roadmap and tools for implementation.

For the City to receive the in-kind grant services a cash matching funds in the amount of \$75,000, is required. I view this opportunity as a benefit to the City of Cleveland to better utilize our assets, along with providing additional resources in connection with our public asset management strategy.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please call me at 664-6487.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ahmed Abonamah".

Ahmed Abonamah, Chief Finance Officer & Director  
Department of Finance

Enclosure

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**Cc: All Members of Council**

Patricia J. Britt, City Clerk, Clerk of Council

Ryan M. Puente, Chief Government Affairs Officer

Andre L. Reynolds, Legislative Liaison, Department of Finance