

# eliminating racism empowering women

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The Honorable Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Baldwin,

Thank you for your tremendous assistance in FY09 toward securing federal appropriations for YWCA Madison and am writing to respectfully submit an FY10 appropriations request for a related project. The request amount is \$750,000 and suggested bill the Commerce/Justice/Science Appropriations bill, Byrne Grant or Juvenile Justice Accounts, which would fund the "YWCA Madison At-Risk Youth Initiative."

Briefly, the project would expand access to preventative programming for at-risk youth, older youth, and the professionals who serve them, thus increasing their opportunities and decreasing interaction with the criminal justice system. This initiative would help us fulfill our powerful mission of eliminating racism and empowering women. Not only would we affect the lives of the youth and families who pass through our programming, but we would have a deep and lasting impact on the face of our community, helping us achieve a rich community of opportunity for everyone who lives here.

We enjoyed discussing this project with Amber Shipley on February 12<sup>th</sup> and explaining the need and purpose for this funding, which you will find described in detail in the attached summary document and internal appropriations form. We look forward to seeing you on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.

In the meantime, please let us know if we can answer any further questions about the project. I know that your process is a very competitive one, but I know that you understand the need for this funding in our community and hope that you put it high on your priority list for FY10.

Sincerely,



Eileen Mershart  
CEO