



CITY OF DEARBORN

Home Town of Henry Ford

MAYOR JOHN B. "JACK" O'REILLY, JR.

July 11, 2018

Mr. Freeman Hendrix, Chair, GLWA
736 Randolph Street
Detroit, MI 48226

RE: WRAP

Dear Chairman Hendrix:

I understand that the GLWA Board is considering extending the participant qualification time in the WRAP from a maximum of 2 years to 3 years. In addition, GLWA has developed provisions to reallocate unused money in regions where it has not been used to those regions where the need is greater than the primary funding.

While I support these actions in principle, I believe they could have unintended or, at least, undesirable consequences when simultaneously implemented.

For example, City A would have its funding reallocated to another region even if it had residents that still needed the assistance of the WRAP because they would be forced off of the program due to the duration limitation. That does not seem equitable to me.

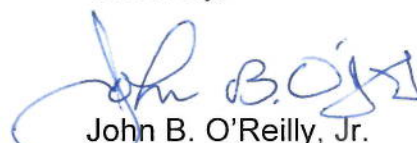
I fully support reallocating extra funds from City A to another area if City A did not have anyone who could benefit from this money. But if City A has residents in need the funding it generates should be used to address those needs before it is reallocated to other areas.

This would require a slight modification to GLWA's plans—allow the cities in the WRAP program to determine length of participation if additional funds are available and when needs still exist. This would be consistent with previous GLWA Board actions where it offered local community flexibility on other WRAP provisions. This should also be one of those local decisions.

Therefore I urge the GLWA Board to work within the framework of its outreach program to solicit community input and recommendations on this aspect of the WRAP beyond the third year eligibility which is before you for a vote on July 11, 2018.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John B. O'Reilly, Jr.
Mayor