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NFL Retired Players Association
Super Bowl LVI
Inglewood, CA

Dear Members of the NFL Retired Players Association:

I am pleased to write in support of the UPI Loan Fund (UPILF) and its mission to provide low-cost consumer and business loans that support community members and community development and promote financial awareness via the UPI Behavioral Financial Wellness platform. I am encouraged by UPILF's plan to become a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and believe the backgrounds of both Mr. Frank Crump, UPILF Founder/President, and Mr. Kerwin Brown, UPILF Executive Director, as businessmen and entrepreneurs will allow UPILF to thrive as it expands across America.

I understand UPILF seeks funding via donations, grants, and individual/corporate loans. Further, UPILF has devised two distinct methods which allow for securing additional loan capital and city/state expansion. I commend UPILF on its initial expansion into Houston, Texas via the MultiCultural Center and its loan agreements with Take Charge America (Phoenix, AZ), Growth Partners (Tucson AZ), and its most recent agreement with Mr. Ray Ellis (retired NFL player). I would like to specifically commend Mr. Ellis for being the first "professional athlete" to support the UPILF by bringing the Fund to his hometown of Canton, Ohio. I am certain additional athletes and entertainers will follow Mr. Ellis' lead in giving back to the community where they grew up.

I applaud UPILF's admirable efforts to provide behavioral financial wellness training to the borrowers and communities it serves and recognize the significance of offering financial awareness in addition to financial lending alternatives. The UPILF will positively benefit Arizona's Seventh Congressional District and its constituents whom I proudly represent in the United States House of Representatives. I wish UPILF the best and continued success in all future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Ruben Gallego
Member of Congress