

# CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN

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President Donald Trump  
White House  
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RE: STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Mr. President:

Ohio Senator Rob Portman has invited me to attend the State of the Union Address. I will be in attendance on Capitol Hill to hear you address how promises will be put into action. I know you are emphasizing a cooperative initiative to continue to move the country forward. During your visits to Youngstown, Ohio, you expressed a strong interest in revitalizing northeast Ohio and we appreciate your commitment.

You have said that you will help Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley by your promise to “bring jobs back” and “fill those factories up” in an effort to stabilize our region’s economy.

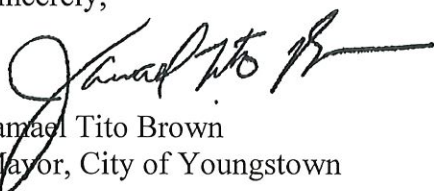
You have noted that you will be addressing **Infrastructure** this evening. I look forward to hearing how you plan to address our fractured infrastructure. Please consider Youngstown, Ohio as a location to demonstrate what bold infrastructure improvements can accomplish. This area was recently awarded a **BUILD Grant** with the aid of your Administration and the help of Senator Portman. I ask that you consider this a first step in showcasing our city as a model of **Excellence in Infrastructure Redevelopment**. Cities like ours in northeast Ohio are in desperate need of federal funds on a consistent basis to improve the lives of those who have been impacted by lost jobs, decaying infrastructure and our State’s failure to provide much needed investment for redevelopment.

You have expressed a desire to target **Violence Reduction** and the removal of guns from criminals who are preying on our innocent citizens. Please help us by addressing the need for a steady stream of federal dollars to make our streets safe again.

Lastly, it would be a healthy start if the local branch of the **Veteran’s Administration** could be relocated to our recently vacated Northside Hospital facility. The VA Clinic here is inadequate, and now we have the perfect location for a much needed facility for our Veterans.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and for proving that the promises you made to the people of the Valley can be a reality.

Sincerely,



Jamael Tito Brown  
Mayor, City of Youngstown