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Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the House Government Oversight Committee - thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Resolution 376, urging the induction of Tracy Chapman into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Tracy Chapman is a Cleveland native that has went on to become a pioneer in country music, becoming the first African American to win a Country Music Association Award for her Song of the Year, "Fast Car". Her singing and songwriting abilities have been awarded with four different grammy's including, "Best New Artist", "Best Contemporary Folk Album" and "Best Female Pop Vocal Performance" in 1989. She then went on to win "Best Rock Song" for her hit record, "Give Me One Reason" in 1997.

Since her robust music career Tracy has been involved with Cleveland's elementary schools, using her musical repertoire to create educational videos highlighting African American history. She now has devoted her life to social activism with an intense concentration in human rights.

My district appreciates Ms. Chapman for giving back to the community she comes from and the advances she has made for Black people in the country, rock and indie music genres and she undeniably should be in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Thank you, members of the Government Oversight Committee, for allowing me to give sponsor testimony on House Resolution 376. I strongly urge your support.

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