



April 4, 2017

The Honorable David E. Price
United States House of Representatives
2108 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative Price:

RE: HUD Funding – CDBG and HOME Programs

On behalf of the City of Durham, North Carolina, I am writing to urge you to fully support the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and oppose any attempts to eliminate the programs or reduce their funding. CDBG and HOME are highly successful, locally driven programs that provide flexible resources to communities to address their most pressing community development and affordable housing needs. These programs invest in low- and moderate-income people and neighborhoods; providing safe, decent, affordable housing; infrastructure improvements; and job, education, health and family supports. They are an important resource for our community.

CDBG and HOME funds have been critical to developing important projects that have assisted many people in our community. The attached fact sheets provide you with information on how the programs have been used in our community. The programs have been cut significantly since FY 2010 – CDBG by nearly \$1 billion and HOME by over \$850 million. Now is the time to begin to restore program funding to address the unmet community development and affordable housing need at the local level. *Reject any push to eliminate these programs and support no less than \$3.3 billion for CDBG in FY 2018 and no less than \$1.2 billion for HOME.*

I invite you and your staff to see first-hand how CDBG and HOME dollars are being invested in our community by visiting some of the projects during National Community Development

Week; April 17–22, 2017 – or during another recess period that is amenable to your schedule. Please contact me at 919–560–4570, Ext. #22223 to arrange a tour of our CDBG and HOME funded projects. Thank you for your support of these critical programs.

Sincerely,

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City of Durham Department of Community Development