



November 3, 2011

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchinson
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: FY12 Funding for CDBG and HOME

Dear Senator Hutchinson:

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On behalf of my community, I also urge you to oppose the House-recommended provision in its FY12 Transportation-HUD bill to cut administrative funding for CDBG in half. Currently, CDBG communities can use up to 20% of the grant on administrative and planning costs. The House provision would slash this amount to 10% of the grant. Communities need the flexibility to use up to 20% of their grant to meeting the administrative and planning requirements of the program.

I would also like to extend an invitation to you and your staff to tour our CDBG- and HOME-funded projects to see the benefits of both programs firsthand. We thank you, in advance, for your continued support of these valuable programs. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

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