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The Honorable Steven C. LaTourette
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington DC Office
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Washington, D.C. 20515

(Via Fax and Email)

RE: FY12 Funding for CDBG and HOME

Dear Representative LaTourette:

As the chief elected official of the City of Euclid, I am writing this letter on behalf of our community to ask you, as you conference H.R. 2112, to support the House-recommended funding level of \$3.5 billion in formula funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and \$1.2 billion in formula funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. As an entitlement community since the inception of the program, both CDBG and HOME provide vital funding to a wide variety of projects and services within our community that directly impact the lives of our low- and moderate-income citizens. These include senior services, home weatherization and rehabilitation, and programs to spur local economic activity such as our commercial storefront renovation program.

As a prime example two major shopping centers in our downtown business district participated in the storefront renovation program. The CDBG funding helped to leverage nearly \$2M of private investment in the two centers. In turn this led to additional private investment of several million dollars in new construction and rehabilitation of nearby properties.

As evidenced by our local experience, both CDBG and HOME programs provide the flexibility to fund a myriad of activities, fill gaps where needed, and attract additional resources to projects. This combination of CDBG and HOME with other funding sources adds to our local economy and to a better quality of life for our citizens.

Honorable Steven C. LaTourette

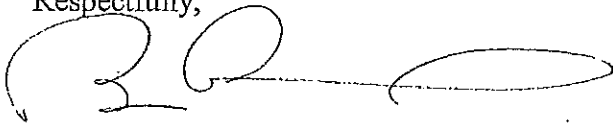
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On behalf of my community, I also urge you to oppose the House-recommended provision in the bill that would reduce the CDBG administrative cap from 20% to 10%, cutting the administrative allowance in half. CDBG grantees will not be able to fully operate or effectively operate their programs at this level.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Cervenik', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bill Cervenik
Mayor

cc: U.S. Senator Rob Portman
Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge
~~E. Pietravoia~~, CS&ED Director
B. Iorio, CDBG Administrator