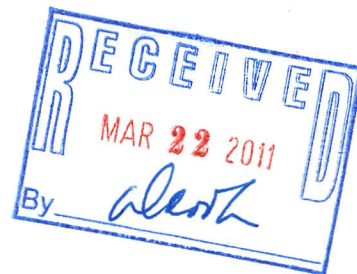


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Dear Mr. Cook:

Thank you for writing to me regarding federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. I appreciate hearing from you, and I share your support for this successful program.

As you know, CDBG is one of the most effective federal programs to revitalize America's cities and neighborhoods. More than 95 percent of CDBG funds have gone to activities principally benefiting low- and moderate-income Americans through housing, public improvements, public services, and economic development. Furthermore, CDBG investments in FY 2010 directly created 19,293 jobs, not including the indirect effect the program has on creating additional jobs.

This is why I have consistently supported full funding for the CDBG program in the past and, like you, believe that we should continue to support this wise investment in our nation's future. Be assured that I will seek to protect as much funding for this important job-creating program as possible as the appropriations process for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012 continues to unfold.

Again, thank you for writing to me. Please contact me again about this or other issues of concern to you and the people of Palm Springs.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boxer
United States Senator