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March 15, 2011

The Honorable Joe Wilson
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Frank J. Townsend, III
District 2

RE: Funding Threats to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

George H. Davis
District 3
Parliamentarian

Dear Congressman Wilson:

Debra B. Summers
District 4

As the chair of Lexington County Council, I am writing this letter on behalf of our community to express our support for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and to request your support to ensure that our communities continue to receive these funds. CDBG is a vital resource to our community, providing funding for local projects and services that directly impact the lives of our low- and moderate-income citizens. For example, some important projects funded in Lexington County with CDBG have included the following:

Bobby C. Keisler
District 5

- CDBG funds in the amount of **\$10,409,723** were spent on public improvements, such as the development and improvements of fire stations, law enforcement centers, street and sidewalk improvements, water and sewer improvements, and neighborhood/community facilities.
- CDBG funds in the amount of **\$512,783** were spent on public services, such as services for senior and youth projects, health services, employment training, services for abused and neglected children, and services for the disabled.
- CDBG funds in the amount of **\$955,449** were provided for housing activities, such as, housing rehabilitation and the construction of affordable housing.

Johnny W. Jeffcoat
District 6

Kenneth Brad Matthews
District 7

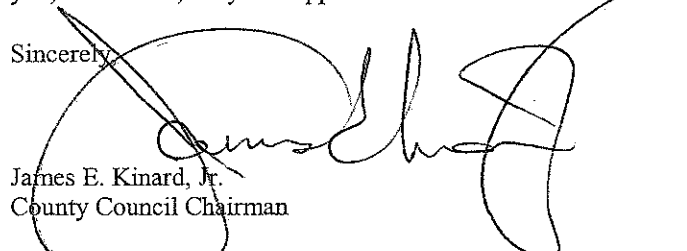
Without CDBG funding these projects could not have been assisted. I have a brief overview that highlights of some of the major accomplishments of CDBG within our community over the past five years. CDBG provides the flexibility to fund a myriad of activities and to leverage and attract additional resources to projects. This combination of CDBG with other resources adds to our local economy through the purchase of goods and services and adds to the betterment of the lives of our local citizens through improved neighborhoods and services.

William B. Banning, Sr.
District 8
Vice Chairman

We ask your support for the CDBG Program as Congress considers the federal budget for the remainder of FY 2011 and going into FY 2012. I would also like to extend an invitation to you and your staff to tour our CDBG-funded projects to see the benefits of the program firsthand. We thank you, in advance, for your support of CDBG. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

M. Todd Cullum
District 9

Sincerely,


James E. Kinard, Jr.
County Council Chairman

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