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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 6, 2023

The Honorable Brian Schatz
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Schatz and Ranking Member Hyde-Smith:

As you begin consideration of the Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD), and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we strongly encourage the Subcommittee to continue the Federal government's commitment to community development programs at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and support \$4.2 billion in formula funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The CDBG program is one of the Federal government's most effective means to revitalize low- and moderate-income communities across the country. The program's flexibility allows communities to design and implement strategies tailored to meet local needs and priorities. CDBG funding supports homeownership, housing rehabilitation, infrastructure improvements and economic development, while also providing public services for seniors, youth, and people with disabilities.

Every state has received CDBG funds, and over 1,200 state and local governments currently receive annual CDBG funding directly. CDBG makes its way into the local economy through an extensive network of local organizations and remains a lifeline for families and communities across the country. Moreover, these funds encourage additional local investment, with every \$1.00 of CDBG funding leveraging another \$2.80 in public and private investments. We share your commitment to the most effective use of taxpayer dollars and believe that these grants have proven highly effective at meeting the unique needs of local communities.

CDBG Strengthens Families and Communities through Homeownership and Affordable Housing Preservation. CDBG funds are used to assist creditworthy, working families with down payment and closing cost assistance to purchase a home. Homeownership stabilizes neighborhoods, allows families to build assets, and adds to the local tax base. Communities may use CDBG funding for lead-based paint testing and abatement, among other activities. Communities use CDBG to rehabilitate single-family and multi-unit residential affordable housing. Since FY05, CDBG was used to provide safe and affordable housing to over 1.765 million low- and moderate-income households.

CDBG Builds Local Infrastructure. CDBG funds are used by communities for infrastructure improvements, including safe drinking water and sanitary sewer systems, street improvements, flood and drainage systems, homeless facilities, and the development of childcare centers and health clinics that provide health services and dental care to low-income children. Since FY05, CDBG public infrastructure improvements have directly benefited nearly 54 million low- and moderate-income people nationwide.

CDBG is a Jobs Generator. Since FY05, through economic development activities, including microenterprise assistance, direct assistance to businesses, and the development of public facilities, CDBG has created or retained 568,288 jobs across the country.

CDBG Helps Seniors Live Independently. CDBG funds are used to rehabilitate the homes of low- and moderate-income elderly persons to allow them to age in place, thereby avoiding costly assisted living and nursing home care. Further, CDBG funds are used to build senior centers to allow seniors to receive health and recreational services to stay engaged and healthy.

CDBG Invests in Our Next Generation and Provides Critical Services to Multiple Populations. Local communities use CDBG funds to provide afterschool programs for low-income children and summer jobs for low-income youth, as well as to build recreation centers and parks to provide a safe outlet for learning, sports, and personal growth. Communities use CDBG to fund critical services to multiple vulnerable populations. CDBG funds services for persons with disabilities, services for victims of domestic violence, tenant/landlord counseling, childcare services, services for abused and neglected children, operating costs for homeless programs, services for seniors, substance abuse services, mental health services, and funding to food banks. Since FY05, CDBG assisted over 176 million persons through public service activities.

CDBG Creates Safer Communities. Communities use CDBG to work with local police departments and neighborhood leaders to fight crime and make neighborhoods safer places through crime awareness/prevention programs and safety improvements to homes and businesses.

We understand that the subcommittee must make difficult decisions, however, we urge you to provide \$4.2 billion for the CDBG program in the FY24 THUD Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued support of community development and revitalization.

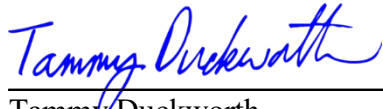
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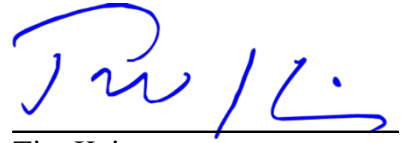
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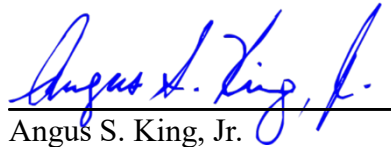
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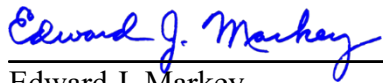
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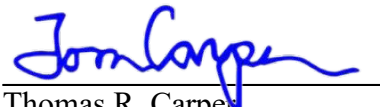
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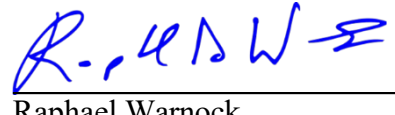
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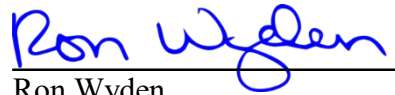
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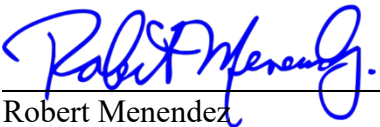
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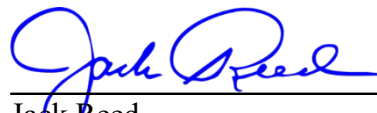
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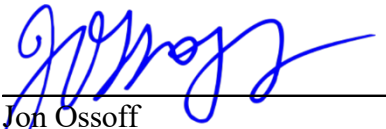
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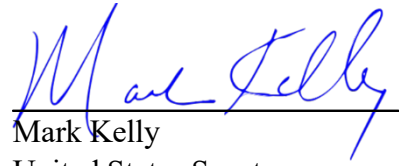
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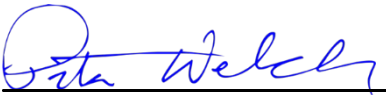
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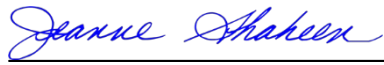
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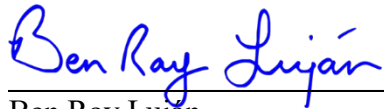
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**Transportation Housing and Urban Development Group Letter Table
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ID	Sub	Request Agency or Account	Request Project Name	Request (\$000)
114471	THUD Group	[Title II]/[Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)]/[Community Planning and Development (CPD)]/[Community Development Fund]/[Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)] [Member Staff] - Ben Hutterer ben_hutterer@baldwin.senate.gov 202-224-7312	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$4,200,000

Request ID: 114471

Agency or Account:	[Title II]/[Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)]/[Community Planning and Development (CPD)]/[Community Development Fund]/[Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)]	Project Name:	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Member/s:	Baldwin, Tammy(D-WI); Bennet, Michael(D-CO); Blumenthal, Richard(D-CT); Booker, Cory(D-NJ); Brown, Sherrod(D-OH); Cantwell, Maria(D-WA); Cardin, Benjamin(D-MD); Carper, Thomas(D-DE); Casey, Robert(D-PA); Coons, Christopher(D-DE); Cortez Masto, Catherine(D-NV); Duckworth, Tammy(D-IL); Durbin, Richard(D-IL); Feinstein, Dianne(D-CA); Fetterman, John(D-PA); Gillibrand, Kirsten(D-NY); Hassan, Margaret Wood(D-NH); Heinrich, Martin(D-NM); Hickenlooper, John(D-CO); Hirono, Mazie(D-HI); Kaine, Tim(D-VA); Kelly, Mark(D-AZ); King, Angus(I-ME); Klobuchar, Amy(D-MN); Luján, Ben Ray(D-NM); Markey, Edward(D-MA); Menendez, Robert(D-NJ); Merkley, Jeff(D-OR); Murphy, Christopher(D-CT); Ossoff, Jon(D-GA); Padilla, Alex(D-CA); Peters, Gary(D-MI); Reed, Jack(D-RI); Rosen, Jacky(D-NV); Sanders, Bernard(I-VT); Shaheen, Jeanne(D-NH); Smith, Tina(D-MN); Stabenow, Debbie(D-MI); Tester, Jon(D-MT); Van Hollen, Chris(D-MD); Warner, Mark(D-VA); Warnock, Raphael(D-GA); Warren, Elizabeth(D-MA); Welch, Peter(D-VT); Whitehouse, Sheldon(D-RI); Wyden, Ron(D-OR)	Subcommittee:	THUD
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Justification:	The CDBG Program is one of the Federal government's most effective means to revitalize low- and moderate-income communities across the country. The program's flexibility allows communities to design and implement strategies tailored to meet local needs and priorities. CDBG funding supports homeownership, housing rehabilitation, infrastructure improvements and economic development, while also providing public service for senior, youth and people with disabilities.		
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CDS Request:	No		