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**Subject:** RFA 2018-105 HOME Financing to be used for Rental Developments Located in Rural Areas

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this RFA. By its title, this RFA is targeted to proposed developments in USDA eligible rural areas. If my information is correct, the first tie breaker in previous application cycles has been for proposals located in small counties. It is appreciated that small counties are given preference as those areas are frequently overlooked by developers. However there are many areas in medium counties that are USDA eligible that are also in need of affordable housing. In fact there are many areas in medium counties that are targeted for revitalization by local government but would not score high enough in the competitive tax credit RFA.

This is to request that consideration be given to eliminating the preference for small counties giving equal opportunity for any USDA eligible area in small and medium counties.

Thank you.

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