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June 21, 2018

Ms. Marisa Button
Florida Housing Finance Corporation
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Tallahassee, FL 32301

RE: Preservation RFA 2018-113

Dear Ms. Button:

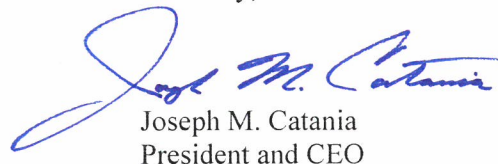
I am writing to request that you consider a small adjustment to the Application Sorting Order for RFA 2018-113 (Housing Credit Financing for the Preservation of Existing Affordable Multifamily Housing Developments) that would level the playing field for all developments built prior to Hurricane Andrew in 1992. Specifically, I am requesting that you amend the Age of Development Preference to include developments built in 1992 or earlier.

We have 4 communities of this vintage that are in critical need of substantial rehabilitation as they were not built to the more stringent building codes that arose after Hurricane Andrew. As we are entering a heightened period of hurricane activity, it is imperative that these buildings have equal access to tax credits for much needed hurricane-hardening purposes, in addition to preservation of affordable rents.

Over the years, fewer and fewer applications have been submitted to Florida Housing in the Preservation RFA, with a total of only 8 applications submitted in RFA 2017-114. We believe this may be due, in part, to the second tie-breaker, Age of Development Preference, with developments originally built in 1986 or earlier having preference above Applications that do not qualify for the preference. The year for this tie-breaker, 1986, hasn't changed in the past two rounds (RFA 2017-114, RFA 2016-116) and we believe it should be set at 1992 for the reason stated above.

Your consideration of this request is much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. Catania
President and CEO