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Mr. Trey Price  
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Dear Mr. Price:

RE: The 2019 Miami-Dade Geo 9% Housing Credit RFA  
2019/2020 RFA General Process

I am Happy to see that Florida Housing Finance Corporation is prioritizing the housing needs of the elderly population, a subject of great importance to the City of Miami.

Due to the frailty of the elderly population, it would be wise to consider incentivizing the marketplace to locate such a development in close proximity to hospital facilities with the expertise to care for the elderly population that are dually served by Medicaid and Medicare. Specifically, we recommend that the Corporation consider additional points or funding preference for developments that are located within  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles of one of Miami Dade's nonprofit medical hospitals, in particular one that has a Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program.

Locating Elderly Developments in close proximity to medical facilities specially equipped to address the needs of the elderly would be a policy responsive to the urban needs of Miami-Dade County's economically challenged frail and elderly residents.

Respectfully submitted,

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