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Gentlemen,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed criteria for the geographic RFAs. As stated in the public workshop, we strongly support a cap on the number of applications to be submitted by the same financial beneficiaries. We would suggest that the cap be 4 applications per RFA, except for Miami-Dade County, which should have a County cap of 5 applications. In addition, an additional 3 applications per RFA for joint ventures with Non-Profits &/or Public Housing Authorities.

At the public workshop, there was overwhelming support for a cap, and while we understand there is a concern for gamesmanship, we think you will find, like in 2009, that was the minority and not the majority of the development community. In addition, the proposed "Application Withdrawal Disincentive" will not solve the issue of having to score 98 applications in Miami-Dade County, and could have negative unintended consequences for the process.

As it pertains to the Homeless goal to fund 2 applications, we would suggest they not be counted towards the County tally, as these serve a different population/need.

Thank you for your consideration, and look forward to seeing the drafts.

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