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REV. HUNTER THOMPSON MIAMI BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH Mr. Steve Auger, Executive Director Florida Housing Finance Corporation 227 N. Bronough Street, Suite #5000 Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: Opposition to Reducing the 50-Year LURA

Dear Mr. Auger:

As you know, Miami Homes For All is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending and preventing homelessness primarily through community collaboration. As an advocacy organization, we strongly believe that the provision and sustainability of affordable housing stock that meets our community's needs is crucial to achieving our mission. Miami-Dade County continues to suffer from a housing crisis, making national headlines.

In order to address this crisis, we need more affordable units, and we need to keep those units affordable for a *minimum* of 50 years. This allows households to safely live in these units for a substantial length of time without fear of their homes converting to market-rate. It minimizes their displacement, and allows units to maintain an affordability guarantee within the environment of gentrification that we continue to see in our urban core.

Florida Housing Finance Corporation's mission is to "increase affordable housing opportunities and ensure its programs are well matched to the needs of those we serve." By decreasing the affordability term, affordable housing opportunities would *decrease* and the people that would suffer are our most needy, those that are the target population of your programs. We strongly recommend that the affordability term remain at least at 50 years, and if a change is being considered, we would support increasing the affordability term.

We have enjoyed our partnership with your office in working towards increasing affordable housing opportunities in our community. We look forward to continuing to work together to ensure that the affordability period remain at least 50 years. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Barbara "Bobbie" Ibarra Executive Director 786-469-2067