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and promote  
cities as centers  
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The Honorable Ed Perlmutter  
415 Cannon House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Perlmutter:

The National League of Cities (NLC), the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance, strongly supports the Livable Communities Act of 2010. NLC applauds your leadership in promoting the sustainable and livable development of cities and towns, and for introducing this important legislation.

As you well know, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the average American household spends over half of their annual income on housing and transportation. The Livable Communities Act of 2010 would assist and award cities and towns that work collaboratively across jurisdictional lines to create regional livable development plans that ease the cost of housing and transportation on American families.

Cities are the economic engines of our country. They are home to more than 80 percent of America's residents; they are where 90 percent of the nation's gross domestic product is generated; and they are where more than 80 percent of the country's jobs are located. But more than that, cities and towns are where families live, work and play.

The Livable Communities Act would strengthen the intergovernmental partnership between federal, regional, and local leaders and would help all levels of government serve our nation's neighborhoods and families more effectively.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald J. Borut".

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