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RE: FY 2017 Funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program

Dear Congressional Appropriations Leaders:

Thank you for your leadership and support of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The undersigned national organizations of local elected officials, housing and community development professionals, economic development entities, and non-profit organizations, thank you for your support of \$3.0 billion in formula grants for CDBG in the FY 2017 Transportation-HUD spending measure and ask that you continue to support this level of funding in the final FY 2017 appropriations measure.

For over 40 years, CDBG has served as the cornerstone of the federal government's commitment to partnering with states and local governments to strengthen our nation's communities and improve the

quality of life for low- and moderate-income Americans. CDBG remains a principal building block for investment in local communities; making its way into local communities through an extensive network of non-profit organizations, contractors and businesses. Over 7,200 communities have access to the funds and rely on the program to enhance their life and community. The pressing need for these funds remains critical.

Thank you again for your leadership and support of the CDBG program.
Sincerely,

CDBG Coalition

American Planning Association
Council of State Community Development Agencies
Habitat for Humanity International
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
National Association for County Community and Economic Development
National Association of Counties
National Association of Development Organizations
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials
National Association of Regional Councils
National Community Development Association
National League of Cities
National Recreation and Park Association
National Urban League
U.S. Conference of Mayors