

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Scott Turner
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write to express our deep concern with your administration's proposed cuts to the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) within the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Reducing the staff of this office by 84 percent, from 936 employees to just 150, would severely limit the ability of our nation to recover from devastating disasters such as hurricanes, wildfires, and other large-scale catastrophes.

As disasters become more frequent and severe, HUD's disaster recovery program has become central to the nation's response to these disasters. Historically, HUD has been given billions in funding at the direction of Congress to help rebuild homes and infrastructure and provide job training in the aftermath of disasters, filling critical gaps not covered by FEMA's efforts. This includes rebuilding homes for those that are uninsured or underinsured and vital infrastructure like private roads and bridges, which were heavily impacted by disasters such as Hurricane Helene in North Carolina.

Given the severity of recent disasters, HUD staff are already stretched thin, with each employee managing, on average, over \$1 billion in grants. The department's staff work hard to ensure that federal funds are used efficiently and effectively, preventing waste, fraud, and abuse while coordinating disaster recovery efforts with other federal programs, as well as local, state, and non-governmental partners.

Cutting these essential staff and resources would hinder recovery in disaster-stricken areas and delay efforts to rebuild communities that are already facing significant challenges. We urge you to reconsider these cuts and prioritize the long-term recovery of our communities, ensuring that the federal government continues to provide the support they need to recover and rebuild.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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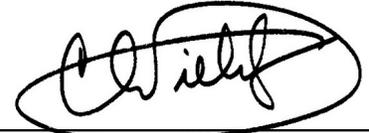
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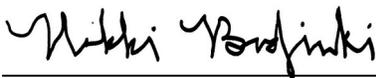
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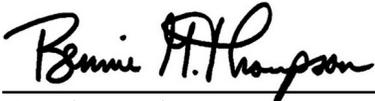
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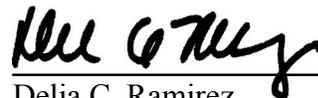
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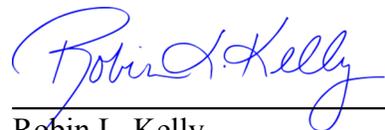
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