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The Honorable Keith Ellison United States House of Representatives 2263 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ellison:

Thank you for writing to me regarding affordable housing and community development. REALTORS® care greatly for the communities in which they live and work and federal financing for these programs are critical to all of ours' success.

REALTORS® strongly support CDBG, HOME and similar programs. These programs use federal dollars to target the specific housing and development needs of diverse populations, as determined by state and local officials. We also support rural housing programs, and the critical role the Rural Housing Service has played in small towns and villages across the nation.

We oppose cuts to these important programs and know that without such federal grants, affordable housing development would not occur. Thank you for your attention to these issues, and we look forward to continuing to work with you, providing access to safe, affordable housing for all Americans.

Sincerely,

Bob Goldberg,

Chief Executive Officer

