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The Honorable Patty Murray  
U.S. Senate Office Building  
173 Russell  
Washington, DC 20510

RE: FY12 Funding for CDBG and HOME

Dear Senator Murray:

On behalf of the Bellingham City Council, I am writing this letter on behalf of our community to ask you to support the House-recommended funding level of \$3.5 billion in formula funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and \$1.2 billion in formula funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program in FY12.

The Bellingham City Council is working hard today so future generations will benefit from our strategic commitments. The Council wishes to provide those future generations with a legacy of equity and social justice. But the city, together with our partners at HUD, need to support safe, affordable housing, support services for lower-income residents and cultivate respect and appreciation for diversity.

CDBG and HOME funding are essential to our local efforts to meet our commitment to future generations. Please join us in making sure that your financial commitment does not diminish for those most in need in our community.

We thank you, in advance, for your continued support of these valuable programs. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

Stan Snapp  
Council President