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House and Senate Conferees on H.R. 2112
Washington, D.C.

RE: FY12 Funding for CDBG and HOME

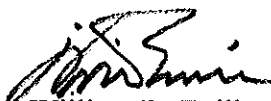
Dear H.R. 2112 Conferees:

As the chief elected official of the City of Alexandria, I am writing this letter on behalf of our community to ask you, as you seek agreement on H.R. 2112, 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 (HOME) Program. Both CDBG and HOME provide vital funding to projects and services within our community that directly impact the lives of our low- and moderate-income citizens. Both programs provide the flexibility to fund the Homeownership Assistance Program, Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, Fair Housing Testing Program, Winter Shelter and other programs that fill gaps where needed, and attract additional resources to projects. The combination of CDBG and HOME with other funding sources adds to our local economy and leads to a better quality of life for the citizens of Alexandria, Virginia.

On behalf of my community, I also urge you to oppose the House-recommended provision in the bill that would reduce the CDBG administrative cap from 20% to 10%, cutting the administrative allowance in half. CDBG grantees will not be able to fully operate or effectively operate their programs at this level.

I would also like to extend an invitation to you and your staff to tour our CDBG- and HOME-funded projects to see the benefits of both programs firsthand. We thank you, in advance, for your continued support of these valuable programs. Please feel free to contact Mildrilyn Davis, Director of the Office of Housing (Mildrilyn.Davis@alexandriava.gov; 703.746. 4990) or me with any questions.

Respectfully,


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cc: The Honorable Members of City Council
The Honorable Jim Webb
The Honorable Mark Warner
The Honorable James Moran
Bruce Johnson, Acting City Manager