



May 30, 2019

The Honorable David Price
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee
on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member, Appropriations Subcommittee
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Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coalition – consisting of 32 national organizations representing thousands of communities, elected officials, and affordable housing and community development professionals – extend our thanks to you for leading the effort to increase funding for the CDBG Program in the FY20 House Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies (THUD) bill.

The CDBG Coalition sincerely appreciates the THUD subcommittee providing \$3.6 billion for CDBG in FY20 - an increase of \$300 million from FY19. This increase will assist in restoring much needed resources to the program which at its peak was funded at \$4.1 billion in formula funds. These additional resources will help communities address critical community development challenges – affordable housing, infrastructure, and services – for low-income people.

We hope the \$3.6 billion represents a turning point for CDBG and an indication that you will build upon this funding level through further increases in the program next year and beyond.

Thank you for your support and leadership.

Sincerely,
American Library Association
American Planning Association
Council of Large Public Housing Authorities
Council of State Community Development Agencies
Enterprise Community Partners
Feeding America
Habitat for Humanity International

Heartland Alliance
Housing Assistance Council
International Code Council
International Economic Development Council
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
National Association for County Community and Economic Development
National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders
National Association of Counties
National Association of Development Organizations
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials
National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies
National Association of Regional Councils
National Community Development Association
National Governors Association
National League of Cities
National Main Street Center
National NeighborWorks Association
National Recreation and Park Association
National Rural Water Association
National Urban League
Rebuilding Together
Rural Community Assistance Partnership
The Trust for Public Land
U.S. Conference of Mayors
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