

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 26, 2013

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development,
and Related Agencies
142 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development,
and Related Agencies
128 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Murray and Ranking Member Collins:

As you begin to consider the fiscal year 2014 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations, we respectfully request that you support the Administration's request and provide \$75 million in appropriations for the Integrated Planning and Investment Grants Program. HUD is a critical component of the interagency partnership with DOT and EPA, which is helping communities across America rebuild their local economies and improve their fiscal stability. We believe the Integrated Planning and Investment Grants Program helps community leaders get the most out of each federal or state dollar invested in their neighborhoods.

HUD has provided over 150 communities in 48 states grants totaling \$240 million that have, in turn, leveraged almost \$253 million in additional public and private investment from local governments and philanthropies. Demand for the program remains strong, with nearly 1,500 applications submitted and over 400 Congressional letters of support from both sides of the aisle. However, due to the limited availability of funding, only 11% of applicants are funded.

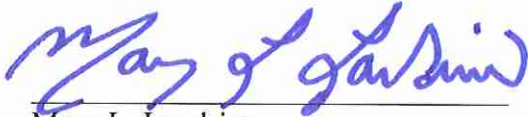
These grants help communities streamline regulatory barriers and make strategic investments with limited taxpayer dollars. They also make federal investments go even further by helping local leaders leverage private sector investment, save money in municipal budgets, and help families with housing and transportation costs – all while creating jobs.

Additionally, the Integrated Planning and Investment Grants help the federal government work more efficiently and effectively. The grants create vital opportunities to effectively coordinate and leverage federal programs for the greatest long-term benefit to our communities. Continued funding for programs like these is critical to helping communities realize their economic potential.

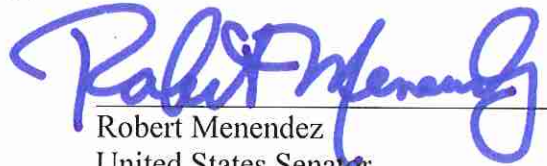
Again, we ask you to support the Integrated Planning and Investment Grants and the funding for these programs within the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the FY2014 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

Please join us in supporting the Administration's request of \$75 million for Integrated Planning and Investment Grants in the FY2014 T-HUD appropriations bill. For more information, please contact Ashley Scott at Ashley_Scott@sbc.senate.gov (8-6441) or Jason Lallis at Jason_Lallis@menendez.senate.gov (4-4744).

Sincerely,



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United States Senator




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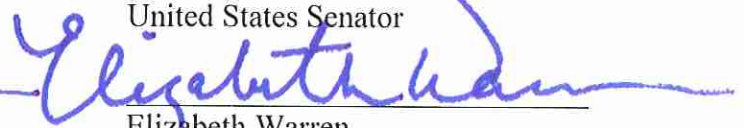
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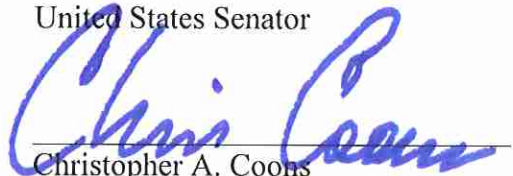
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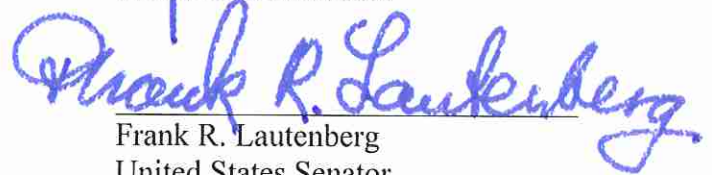
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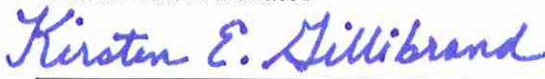
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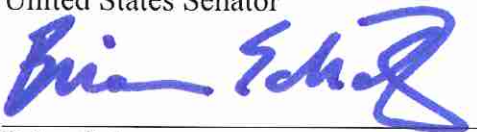
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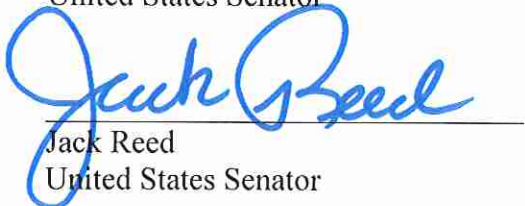
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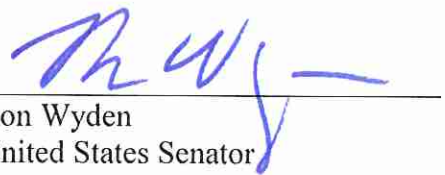
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