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Subject: QAP

Laura,

Hope you are doing well and I'd like to make one request regarding the 2019 QAP. Although I have not submitted a LIHTC application for some time and don't plan to submit a project next year I remain highly concerned in regards to quality affordable housing in our state. I still serve on the board of directors of numerous non-profits that are involved with these issues.

I noticed your initial 2019 QAP draft reverted back to the maximum amenity points to be received to within a "one mile" distant from a specific site. In reading your latest QAP draft the authority went back to the more restrictive "one-half mile" distance. My concern is the "one-half mile" distance requirement eliminates many excellent sites that are actually more favorable locations. The "one-half mile" requirement primarily mandates infill sites which harshly restricts developers in providing these homes in locations that provide the residents with choices. These sites offer a greater flexibility and additional choices concerning the communities the residents desire to reside and raise their families and creates significantly more educational options and opportunities.

I ask you and your staff to re-consider changing the QAP back to the "one mile" distance for maximum amenity points.

Thanks,

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