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HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
Ranking Member
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
United States Senate

The Honorable Patty Murray
Vice Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate

Dear Senators Warren and Murray,

I am writing in response to your April 30, 2025 letter requesting a review of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) recent actions to terminate contracts, reduce the HUD workforce, and alter program requirements for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding that helps communities rebuild after natural disasters.

Our office is closely monitoring HUD's actions on each of these issues through regular coordination with HUD leadership. In addition, we initiated a review of HUD's workforce reductions efforts to identify who were terminated or resigned between January 20, 2025 and May 31, 2025. This review will provide an initial snapshot of how the reduction efforts impacted the sizes of various offices and demographics across HUD and will include the Office of Community Planning and Development, which oversees the CDBG-DR program. As HUD finalizes its staffing plans and the associated litigation concludes, we will continue to assess the magnitude of the workforce reductions and their impact on HUD's capacity within individual programs, such as CDBG-DR.

With respect to contract terminations, many of these actions are going through appeals or are in litigation. We are continuously monitoring the status of these actions and are assessing whether we can examine them as part of other, ongoing OIG audits.

We will continue to keep your offices informed as we proceed, and I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss in more detail any specific concerns that you may have.



Sincerely,

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