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To: Kevin McCarthy
Subject: FW: Public Hearing on the State of Florida's Proposed National Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan

From: Debra Webb [mailto:dwebb@keyclubhouse.org]
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To: Nancy Muller <Nancy.Muller@floridahousing.org>
Subject: Public Hearing on the State of Florida's Proposed National Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan

Dear Ms. Muller:

I was pleased to see that the proposed plan for the allocation of the National Housing Trust Fund funding includes a priority for projects that serve extremely low and very low persons and households with special needs.

As the Executive Director of The Key Clubhouse of South Florida, serving people with severe mental illness, I have seen first hand the devastation of the lack of housing for this special population. Dignified and supportive housing is one of the keys necessary for people living with mental illness to become stable and reintegrate into the community. While our mission is to help people living with mental illness reintegrate back into the community through paid employment and school, they are still struggling with being homeless.

On behalf of the people we serve and their families, I would like to recommend that the funding be limited to not for profit organizations who are serving this special population whether or not they meet HUD homeless criteria. I would also recommend the Florida Housing Finance Corporation put in place monitoring tools to ensure these funds are being used for people living with this devastating illness.

Thank you for the opportunity to allow our organization to give input on this matter.

Sincerely,

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