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RE: Proposal to reduce number of public workshops

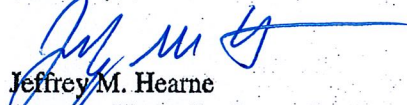
Dear Mr. Auger and Members of the Board:

The Florida Legal Services Housing Umbrella Group ("HUG") is comprised of approximately 150 legal services attorneys and law professors from across Florida who specialize in landlord-tenant issues and represent low-income tenants. We recently participated in the public hearing process to offer comments on the 2013 LIHTC rulemaking cycle and have similarly participated in the past. Although we are not developers or regular recipients of FHFC funding, our clients, as consumers of the housing that you subsidize, are significantly affected by the rules developed at those workshops. Moreover, unlike the developers and others with whom you deal on a day to day basis, the workshops provide the main, if not only, means for our clients to have input into the housing development rulemaking process.

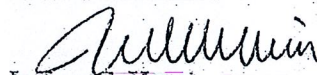
We applaud the openness of your process and your attempts to insure public input from all parties and in all areas of the state, but we are concerned that having only one hearing would be a grave disservice to those members of the public such as ourselves, the coalition of homeless providers, and others that utilize these forums as their means of providing input into your process. We urge you to reject the recommendations made by OPPAGA and to continue to encourage robust public input and participation!

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.

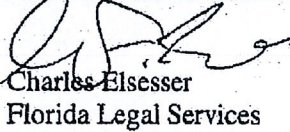
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