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Greetings:

Thank you for the opportunity to reiterate my verbal comments to both the FHFC Board and Workshop Panel regarding the PHA set aside being limited to housing authorities located in small and medium counties. To achieve the laudable goal of making this funding more accessible to PHA's that were just not able to receive funding, please consider that just because a PHA is geographically located in a "large" county does not ensure that the PHA is large and well funded. In the case of Palm Beach County, none of the six public housing agencies reaches the HUD definition of large (1,000 units.) Conversely, there are large PHA's that have received multiple Tax Credit awards (and HOPE VI) that are located in medium and small counties that would still be eligible to apply under the proposed regulation. In addition, Palm Beach County received NO preservation funding in the prior round. The West Palm Beach Housing Authority is currently housing residents in units that were constructed in 1940; we would very much appreciate a chance to compete for these revitalization funds.

Sincerely,

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