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Thank you Marisa and the entire staff for the work you do try to allocate scarce funding sources to the vast demand for affordable housing in Florida. Having served on the Brevard County Affordable Housing Council for many years, I know how difficult it is to develop fair plans for the distribution of funds to the highest possible number of proposals.

Regarding RFA 2019-109 HOME Financing to be Used for Rental Developments for Hurricane Michael Recovery and in Rural Areas, it is my understanding that every eligible tier one application will be selected for funding regardless of score or lottery number before any tier two application will be considered. If this is correct, then it seems to me that this could be problematical. With the exception of Bay County, the Tier One counties are all very sparsely populated. It seems to me that using this selection process, there is a strong likelihood that several applications within very close proximity would by rule, be selected. You would have no choice but to select all of these applications. Clearly there is a critical need for affordable rental housing in these counties, but there are really only a few areas that could support several developments in close proximity.

I respectfully suggest that you keep this in mind as you develop the RFA and you consider some limitation regarding the number of awards or units that can be allocated to some areas.

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