

## Florida House of Representatives

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Mr. Trey Price Florida Housing Finance Corporation 227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 5000 Tallahassee, Florida 3230

Dear Mr. Price:

As South Florida's population continues to grow, the workers who fuel our economy are increasingly are unable to live in the communities where they work. Specifically, in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, the lack of affordable and workforce housing has been intensified by the diminishing availability of developable land, rising construction costs, and environmental constraints.

As Florida Housing Finance Corporation considers, proposed funding goals for the 2019 -2020 Housing Credit Financing process in Miami-Dade County, I urge you to consider housing that dually serves those living in Miami-Dade County and working in Miami-Dade or Monroe Counties. Specifically, I urge you to include a Miami-Dade County Transportation Oriented Development with a focus on those who rely on public transportation to commute to work.

A commuter project, would address the needs of those who live in Miami-Dade County and work in the Keys. Specifically, I suggest Florida Housing Finance Corporation consider apportioning bonus points in your upcoming Miami-Dade RFA for affordable housing developments located south of SW 320<sup>th</sup> Street that are a half mile or less from existing Dade-Monroe Express transit stops.

Thank your Consideration.

Warm Regards,

Holly Raschein

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