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## **SENATOR ANITERE FLORES**

Deputy Majority Leader 39th District

May 28th, 2019

Mr. Trey Price and Mrs. Marisa Button Florida Housing Finance Corporation 227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 5000 Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Mr. Price and Mrs. Button:

The lack of affordable workforce housing in my district has been exacerbated by the dwindling availability of developable land, environmental constraints, and rising construction and insurance costs. As our state's population continues to grow, the workers who fuel our economy are increasingly unable to live in the communities where they work, creating transportation congestion.

As Florida Housing Finance Corporation considers proposed funding goals for the upcoming housing credit financing process in Miami-Dade County, I urge you to explore innovative solutions to address affordable and workforce housing needs in Dade and Monroe Counties. One option might be to include a Miami-Dade County transportation oriented development with a focus on those who commute to the Florida Keys for work from Miami-Dade County.

Specifically, I suggest Florida Housing Finance Corporation consider allocating bonus points in your upcoming RFA for affordable housing developments in Southern Miami-Dade County that are within a half mile of existing Dade-Monroe Express transit stops. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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