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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
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Office of Community Planning and Development
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RE: Extension Requests for CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT Agreements

Dear Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary McFadden:

Thank you for your leadership in assisting our communities as they work to recover from and mitigate against future disasters. As Members from Congressional districts representing the residents of Harris County, we write regarding the request from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) for an extension of CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT contracts. This extension will allow HCFCD to complete critical risk reduction projects for our most vulnerable communities.

As you know, Hurricane Harvey devastated the Gulf Coast region in 2017, with nearly 60 inches of rain and related flooding claiming 68 lives and causing an estimated \$125 billion in damage. In total, more than 154,000 structures and 600,000 vehicles were flooded and nearly 40,000 people in the region were relocated to shelters. As we look to the future of our rapidly growing area, we must focus our efforts on forward-looking strategies that mitigate flood risks and make our communities more resilient.

The CDBG projects HCFCD is implementing will provide large-scale flood-risk-reduction infrastructure across our communities and mitigate damages from anticipated future flooding. With the assistance of the GLO, Harris County Commissioner's Court recently executed both the CDBG-DR contract for \$322 million and the CDBG-MIT contract for \$541.5 million. We are concerned that circumstances outside of HCFCD's control, including increase in the cost of materials and unanticipated delays in the construction and design phase, may delay the program's implementation.

The approval of GLO and HCFCD's CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT program extension requests will allow HCFCD to deliver on the promise and purpose of these federal funds: to build a more resilient future for our county, the third largest in the country. Accordingly, we hope this request is given all due consideration.

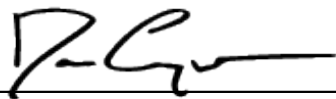
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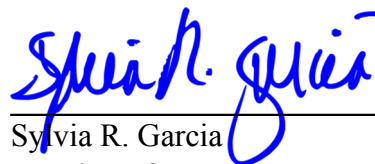
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