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LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL & CITY MANAGER

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Via Facsimile, Federal Express and E-Mail

President Donald J. Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

On behalf of the residents of the City of Long Beach, we strongly urge you to refrain from eliminating the Community Development Block Grant program – this is unprecedented and unconscionable. If the program is eliminated, as proposed, the City of Long Beach would lose more than \$400,000 in funding that supports critical services for our most vulnerable residents. Long Island would ultimately lose \$13M which is spread out among 32 municipalities.

CDBG funding is distributed to various nonprofits that provide critical public services to at-risk populations. Some of these programs include:

- Job training
- Senior and youth programs
- Homeless assistance
- Residential rehabilitation funds to help local homeowners devastated by Superstorm Sandy
- Improvements to local parks, playgrounds, and community centers
- Upgrades to bathrooms and buses to make them ADA Accessible
- Beautification efforts (e.g., tree planting)

Your immediate intervention is essential to provide appropriate resources for our residents.

Very Truly Yours,

City of Long Beach City Council & City Manager

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