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Mary Levine, Director of Legal Affairs
Michigan State Housing Development Authority
735 East Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Michigan's Qualified Allocation Plan

Dear Ms. Levine:

The Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND), the Continuum of Care for the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck, and Highland Park, supports all changes to Michigan's Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) that will increase the number of housing units made available to persons who are homeless and/or special needs individuals and families.

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program is one of the largest resources made available to Michigan and the city of Detroit to create new or rehabilitated affordable units for low income people. As you are aware the economic climate across the state, and most acutely in the city of Detroit, is resulting in increasing numbers of individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. On any given night in Detroit, there are over 18,000 individuals and families with no home. It is imperative that tax credit dollars be dedicated to the creation of units that will assist this population and/or those with special needs.

Of all the communities in the state, the city of Detroit has the greatest percentage of people living in poverty and the greatest number of people who are homeless. It is essential that the State of Michigan designate a significant portion of the approximately $200,000,000 it will receive from the federal government to assisting the homeless and/or those with special needs in the city of Detroit.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns. If you have any questions, please contact me at (248) 443-5500 x 244.

Respectfully,

Candace Williams

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President
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