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RE: Transmittal of current Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation (dba NeighborWorks America) Lapse in Funding Plan.

NeighborWorks America ("NeighborWorks"), legally known as the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, is a Congressionally-chartered, public nonprofit corporation operating pursuant to 42 USC §8101. Pursuant to its enabling act, NeighborWorks is not a department, agency, or instrumentality of the federal government and its officers and employees are not federal employees.

NeighborWorks creates opportunities for people to live in affordable homes, improve their lives, and strengthen their communities. For 45 years, NeighborWorks, a national, nonpartisan nonprofit, has strived to make every community a place of opportunity. Our network of excellence includes nearly 250 member NeighborWorks Organizations in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. NeighborWorks offers grant funding, peer-exchange, technical assistance, evaluation tools and access to training, as the nation's leading trainer of housing and community development professionals. NeighborWorks network organizations provide residents in their communities with affordable homes, owned and rented; financial counseling and coaching; community building through resident engagement; and collaboration in the areas of health, employment and education.

NeighborWorks receives a federal appropriation and uses a combination of appropriated dollars, earned income, contributions, and grant funds to perform and execute on its mission. **In the event of a lapse in NeighborWorks' federal appropriation, the CEO of NeighborWorks is authorized - in consultation with the Chair of the Board and consistent with the Board approved Lapse Policy - to determine whether and how the Corporation will continue to operate using its reserve of unrestricted non-appropriated funds. Based on the foregoing and consistent with its actions during previous lapses in appropriations, standard plans for NeighborWorks in the event of a future lapse in federal funding will be to continue its work and preserve its resources by continuing operations with appropriate staffing using unrestricted operating reserves. Special programs funded by multi-year funds would also continue.**

In the event of a protracted lapse in NeighborWorks' federal appropriation that exhausts available unrestricted non-appropriated funds, NeighborWorks would proceed to furlough staff and would file a revised plan with OMB at that time.