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The Honorable Bobby Jindal
Governor of Louisiana
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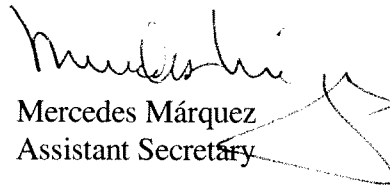
Dear Governor Jindal:

I am pleased to inform you that HUD is accepting Louisiana's Amendment Number 32 to Action Plan 1 for disaster recovery through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) supplemental funding. This amendment is a modification to the Small Rental Property Program (SRPP) being administered in Plaquemines Parish. The submitted policy change places emphasis on the lack of demand for affordable rental housing and the urgent, unmet needs of current homeowners in Plaquemines Parish.

Amendment Number 32, submitted June 26, 2009, allows the conversion of a portion of Plaquemines Parish's Small Rental Property Program (SRPP) allocation to be used as a CDBG homeowner rehabilitation program. The amendment requires no new funding, but makes the necessary provisions to allow Plaquemines Parish to use up to \$4 million of its \$13 million allocation in the SRPP for the new rehabilitation program. This homeowner rehabilitation funding would be limited to Plaquemines Parish's SRPP allocation and governed by the CDBG rehabilitation program guidelines.

The Department remains committed to assisting the recovery of the State of Louisiana from the devastating effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. If you or any members of your staff have any questions, please contact Mr. Nelson R. Bregón, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, at (202) 708-2690.

Sincerely,


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