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Mr. Bradley S. Evatt
U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Strom Thurmond Building
1835 Assembly Street, Suite 1300
Columbia, South Carolina 29201-2480

Dear Mr. Evatt:

I am writing to inform you that the Lancaster County HOME Consortium has determined it will not be able to accept the HOME grant award for 2016 or 2017. Due to changes in the funding amounts and calculations errors made by HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development, we are not prepared to proceed at this time.

Lancaster County received notice of the original award on February 10, 2015. At that time, the grant award of \$691,969 required a gap funding of \$58,031. After requests were made to HUD to verify the grant amount, the county received notification on October 29, 2015 that the grant award had been revised to \$518,022. This left a gap of \$231,978 which far exceeds an amount that can be raised within our counties.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in furthering housing in the Lancaster County HOME Consortium region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Willis".

Steve Willis
County Administrator

cc: Randy Imler
Cathy Rose Hicklin
Valerie Williams
Felita Guy
Dora I. Rivera
The Honorable Senator Lindsay Graham
The Honorable Representative Mick Mulvaney
The Honorable Governor Nikki Haley