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South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority
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RE: Draft QAP 2020 (Section 5,F)

Dear Mr. McMillan and Ms. Martinez:

The Charleston Housing Authority is in its Eighty-Fifth year of serving the citizens of Charleston and is the primary provider of affordable housing for those citizens.

In the last 32 years, it has developed or fostered the development of almost 2,000 homes for low and moderate income families.

My firm was involved intimately during 36 years in their LIHTC application, development, and management of the multitude of those homes, including the William Enston Home in 1995. The William Enston Community encompassed 58 family units and is ongoing and a pride to the City of Charleston. The Housing Authority and its not-for-profit development corporation is recognized for its outstanding job for our citizens and is an example of the development of meeting housing needs.

I support the objection of the Housing Authority to the 2020 Draft QAP and suggest a third bullet point be added to Section 5, first paragraph under experience. The third bullet point addition/ amendment will read: “ - PHA’s involved in HUD’s Rental Assistance Demonstration Program.” to allow organizations with the experience and expertise to handle development duties.

To not amend the Draft would have serious consequences to every PHA in our state converting public housing to HUD’s RAD program.

Yours very truly,



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