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Dear House Committee on Housing:

I have served as a Circuit Judge in Columbia County for 26 years and as a Board Member and President of Columbia County Self Help (CCSH). CCSH is a non-profit that has for decades assisted in developing low income housing. Most of these efforts have been in conjunction with Community Action Team (CAT), our local Community Action Program.

Small counties such as Columbia have few advantages when competing with larger counties when seeking funding to develop housing projects. Our one strength is the ability for community members to collaborate in developing these projects. I am deeply concerned that HB2100 will result in rural communities being forced to the end of the line when seeking assistance with low income housing. Our prior ability to work with community partners will be nearly if not completely eliminated.

Sincerely,



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