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Dear Ms. Buono:

Subject: 2011-2012 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

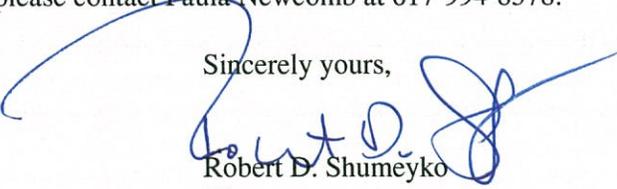
We have reviewed and approved the City of Springfield's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for your program year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Our review also included statistical and narrative data captured in HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).

We find Springfield's CAPER to be consistent with the City's Consolidated Plan for 2010 - 2015 and 2011 Action Plan. The narrative describes how the City is working to meet the goals identified in the plans as well as proposed versus actual outcome results. Pursuant to 24 CFR 570.905, we find that the City of Springfield has the continuing capacity to carry out its activities in a timely manner and that the City of Springfield has carried out its activities and certifications, consistent with the requirements and primary objective of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and with other applicable laws and program requirements.

A copy of the City's CAPER has been provided to Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) for their review. They note in their review that the most recent *City of Springfield Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)* is dated 2006. As the AI must be updated every five years, the City should anticipate achieving such an update prior to submission of their next Action Plan. Further, FHEO is requesting that the City provide demographic, racial and ethnic analysis of the areas affected by the City's Programs. Further, as the City's plans for development of its next Consolidated Plan, commencing in 2014 it should develop updated Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) strategies and benchmarks for HUD's review.

The City is reminded that a copy of this letter should accompany all copies of their CAPER. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff in the coming year. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Paula Newcomb at 617-994-8378.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Director