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The Honorable John Kasich  
Governor of Ohio  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108

Dear Governor Kasich:

I write to request a reversal in a recent decision made by the Office of Community Services, Ohio Department of Development, to arbitrarily move up the "use or lose" date for Cuyahoga County's share of federal Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) funds appropriated to Ohio by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Such a change will result in at least a \$3.6 million redistribution of needed, previously-allocated funds from Cuyahoga County to other areas in Ohio.

It seems that the Ohio Department of Development, which at first shaved a year off of the March 31, 2012, deadline and subsequently reduced it to six months, is changing the rules in midstream. Cuyahoga County has multiple projects scheduled with completion dates based upon the original deadline of March 31, 2012, which cannot be completed by the new deadline given. One of these scheduled projects, the Westerly, is located adjacent to my District Office in Lakewood, Ohio. Defunding this and other projects will mean increased energy costs, which will eventually be passed on to the aged and disabled individuals residing there.

Ohio needs to honor the original deadline given to Cuyahoga County without implementing an unnecessary and harmful expedited timeline for use of HWAP federal funds. I ask for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Kucinich  
Member of Congress