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Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Attention: Cody Campbell
221 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Campbell,

Village Communities of Texarkana, Texas (VCTT) aka The Housing Authority of the City of Texarkana, Texas (HATT), fully supports the extension of the Development Period and the Waiver of 10 TAC §13.11(m) for Hotel Grim (Project ID: MF18454).

This project has faced significant challenges from the onset, and considering the team's proximity to completion, HATT believes that denying the Waiver would be extremely detrimental to both the project and the surrounding community. The need for affordable housing in Texarkana grows daily, and the Hotel Grim project is on the brink of providing 93 much-needed affordable housing units.

Beyond addressing the community's affordable housing needs, the Hotel Grim project serves as a catalyst for the redevelopment of Downtown Texarkana. The rehabilitation of Hotel Grim is of extreme importance to the City of Texarkana, local residents, and surrounding businesses. Cohen-Esrey Development Group has surmounted numerous obstacles throughout this project, with HATT's unwavering support. If the Waiver is not granted, the ongoing redevelopment efforts in Downtown Texarkana would be significantly compromised.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Antonio Williams", is written over a horizontal line.

Antonio D. Williams, CEO/Executive Director