

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

January 14, 2008

The Honorable Alphonso Jackson
Secretary
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Jackson:

We urge you to support an application submitted by the Housing Authority of the City of Pueblo (HACP), Colorado, for funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOPE VI Revitalization program. If approved, these funds would be used to replace more than 200 public housing units located in the 54-year-old Sangre de Cristo multifamily development, as well as an existing 30-year-old community center.

Established in 1953, the HACP is responsible for the operation and management of more than 900 units of public housing and 1,450 Housing Choice Vouchers. It is the third largest public housing agency in the state of Colorado.

In addition to safe and affordable housing, the HACP hopes to provide a variety of meaningful resident services that will help improve the lives of its tenants. The proposed state-of-the-art Community Learning Center will help facilitate improved school attendance, after-school tutoring, skills and needs assessment for adults, job training, and home ownership programs.

We strongly urge you to support this application. The Housing Authority is dedicated to obtaining HOPE VI funds that will dramatically improve the living conditions of low-income families in the City of Pueblo.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. Please keep our offices informed of any developments with this proposal.

Sincerely,



Ken Salazar
United States Senator



John Salazar
United States Congressman