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January 24, 1997

Mr. Bruce Reed
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
Domestic Policy Council
OEOB, Room 213
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. Reed:

As a resident of the District of Columbia, I applaud the Administration's recent proposal to take responsibility for a number of the District's government services.

However, the citizens of the District need more than a cash infusion towards a permanent solution. It was best said in the Inaugural Address:

"We need a new government for a new century humble enough not to try to solve all our problems for us, but strong enough to give us the tools to solve our problems for ourselves."

Although the Administration's plan addresses the problems at several of the cities government departments, it ignores a fundamental problem in the District: **providing affordable housing**. The DC Department of Housing and Community Development needs community-based assistance to accomplish this.

Here's a forward-thinking solution: consider supporting DC's chapter of Habitat for Humanity to help solve the housing problems in the Nation's Capital.

At this critical time of need in the District, supporting **DC Habitat for Humanity** would a "Win/Win" solution. A community-based effort with bipartisan support would help District families reach the American Dream of owning a home and show the country that the political parties can work together.

A Hand Up, Not A Handout

DC Habitat for Humanity utilizes volunteer labor to build homes for families with an income between 100-200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The per capita income of DC residents is \$18,881. As you know, home ownership builds strong families and strengthens the fiber of the community. Further, homeowner candidates are required to contribute 500 hours of work in "sweat equity" to build their home and others in the program. As a volunteer, I've seen it work.

The opportunity to own a home would invigorate the District's disappearing middle class and encourage citizens to stay in—or return to—DC.

The mortgage payments on Habitat homes are deposited into a revolving development fund to finance additional homes for more families in need. DC Habitat sells the homes through a zero-profit, zero-interest 20-30 year mortgage. The monthly mortgage payments are around \$300 a month.

Fixing DC by working with a community organization such as DC Habitat will fulfill the following Administration's initiatives:

Less Bureaucracy — From the Inaugural Address: "Today we can declare government is not the problem and government is not the solution. We, the American people, we are the solution."

Community Empowerment — On Jan. 10 the First Lady suggested that D.C. residents who care about the capital need to get involved in volunteer efforts. DC Habitat has several thousand volunteers who are ready to mobilize if funding was available.

A Bipartisan Effort — Speaker Gingrich has endorsed Habitat for Humanity repeatedly. Imagine Republicans and Democrats working side-by-side building homes for District families — Congress and the Administration working side-by-side with shirtsleeves rolled-up to provide housing for families in need will reaffirm the American public's faith in government.

Racial Cooperation — DC Habitat for Humanity brings races together for a common goal: to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in the District of Columbia in partnership with the community.

Let the fixing and healing of the District of Columbia set an example for the country as we enter the 21st century. The city's current situation provides you with an ideal opportunity to "practice what you preach". The community is ready to mobilize...we just need your help to get things started.

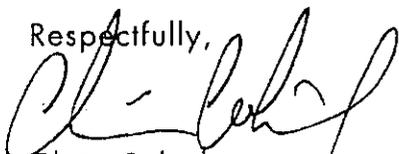
Fixing our Nation's Capital will set an example and model for the rest of the country and the entire world.

Let's talk about this.

Please call me at or to discuss this further.

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Respectfully,



Chris Cohick