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Mr. Ross Rutledge
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Dear Mr. Rutledge:

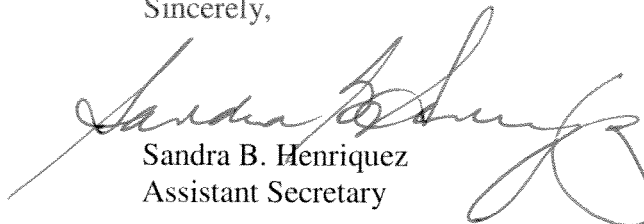
The Department is seeking emergency review of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements for a revision to the existing approval of the information collection for the Family Unification Program (FUP) and its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The Notice of Paperwork Submission (copy enclosed), explains the burden of the collection requirements.

In compliance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.13, this letter requests emergency processing within 7 days from the date of this letter. Title II of Division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010, (Pub. L. 111-117, December 16, 2009), established up to \$15,000,000 for incremental voucher assistance to be provided through the FUP. FUP vouchers under this announcement will be used to promote family unification of families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in the separation, or the threat of imminent separation, of children from their families or the delay in the discharge of the child, or children, to the family from out-of-home care. FUP vouchers under this announcement may also be used for youths 18 to 21 years old who left foster care at age 16 or older and lack adequate housing. Congress required HUD to develop a competitive application for FUP under the FY 2010 discretionary awards process.

The FUP NOFA is now outlined within HUD's FY 2010 General Section on grants.gov with a public release date of July/August 2010. This month, OMB concluded its review of the FUP NOFA for economic impacts. HUD has revised the NOFA to accommodate OMB's comments and is preparing the NOFA for web posting and announcement of the funding opportunity in the *Federal Register*. The use of normal clearance procedures is likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information and is reasonably likely to cause the agency to miss a statutory deadline.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,



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