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Dear Mr. Rutledge:

The Department is seeking emergency review of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements for the FY2010 Limited English Proficiency Initiative (LEPI) Program. The Notice of Paperwork Submission (copy enclosed), proposed for immediate *Federal Register* publication, explains the burden of the collection requirements and invites public comments. This is a new information collection request.

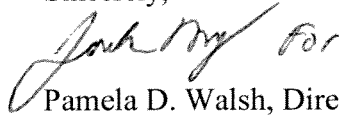
In compliance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.13, this letter requests emergency processing within 14 days from the date of publication. This emergency processing is essential for the immediate publication of the LEPI program, which HUD was directed to establish by Congress under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010, Public Law 111-117, approved December 16, 2009.

The emergency review is necessary to enable HUD to select qualified organizations to participate in the LEPI program and obligate available LEPI funds before the end of the fiscal year 2011. We believe that the use of normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to prevent HUD from reviewing and selecting applications, and obligating available LEPI funds by this required date (see 5 CFR 1320.13(a)(2)(iii)). In fact, the application process is a lengthy one in which applicants are required to submit narrative statements, financial documents, and supporting documentation of the proposed LEP services and activities, necessary for HUD timely evaluating the organization's ability to properly manage funds and provide the needed LEP services. Further, this solicitation is essential to HUD's monitoring of the selected grantees' use of LEPI funds. Emergency approval is consistent with Congressional intent to promote the use of translated materials and other programs that support the assistance of persons with limited English proficiency in utilizing the services provided by the Department. The emergency review will enable the development and dissemination of translated material to targeted LEP populations requiring assistance in appropriate languages to targeted communities as quickly as possible. The LEPI awards are for a one year performance period, which supports the need for prompt implementation of the program.

If you have any questions, please contact Jack Malgeri at 202-402-2758 or Gloria Bizzell at 202-402-6122.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Walsh for". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Enclosures