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Mr. Joe B. Nye  
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Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Nye:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is seeking an emergency review of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements for a survey to assess the operating status of housing counseling agencies impacted by Presidentially Declared Disasters and FEMA Emergency Declarations. 24CFR214.305 requires agencies to notify HUD when any aspect of the agency's purpose or functions may impair its ability to comply with these regulations or the applicable grant agreement. This assessment survey outlines the information needed after a disaster in order for the Office of Housing Counseling to determine the ability of the housing counseling agencies to perform their required functions. Notices of Paperwork Submission (copies enclosed), proposed for immediate Federal Register publication, explains the burden of the collection requirements and invites public comment on them.

In compliance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.13, this letter requests emergency processing within 7 days from the date of publication of the Federal Register Notice. This emergency processing is essential so that the Office of Housing Counseling can quickly ascertain the operating status of Housing Counseling agencies in areas impacted by Presidentially Declared Disasters and FEMA Emergency Declarations and provide necessary support to the agencies and their clients.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact Jerrold H. Mayer, Director of the Office of Outreach and Capacity Building at 714-955-0888 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah S. Gerecke".

Sarah S. Gerecke  
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