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Dear Hector:

Thank you for your recent correspondence.

I appreciate knowing of your support for the Community Services Administration, and I can understand your concern about the effect that the President's budget proposals could have on these programs. As you may know, the Senate recently passed legislation to direct the committees of Congress to implement the President's budget proposals. This measure is currently awaiting further action by the House of Representatives.

It must be understood that this bill will not actually reduce or consolidate individual programs. What it does, however, is provide each committee with a framework of budget reductions within which they must work. Deciding exactly which programs will be reduced or consolidated, and by how much, will be a matter for the individual committee to determine. Their recommendations for specific cuts or consolidations will be considered by the Senate at a later date.

As the Senate continues with its efforts to reduce government spending and considers the President's specific budget proposals, you can be assured that I will keep your views on the Community Services Administration in mind.

I appreciate your taking the time to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Bentsen