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~~Honorable Solomon Ortiz  
United States Congressman  
United States Congress  
United States Capitol  
Washington, D.D. 20001~~

RE: HUD Oversight of City of  
Corpus Christi

Dear Congressman Ortiz:

It has come to my attention that the Department of Housing, Urban and Development (HUD), has dispatched personnel to conduct an overview of the City of Corpus Christi community.

I am personally acquainted with Mr. Crispin Gorham, the director for the Housing and Community Development. I have known Mr. Gorham for several years and can attest to his honor, his unimpeachable integrity, and unquestionable trust. The City of Corpus Christi has always cooperated with federal officials for routine auditing and monitoring activities. It is a part of the art of doing business with Uncle Sam. However, I find some fault with the scope and intensity of the recent HUD related activities. For example, personnel from as far as Seattle, Washington, has been dispatched to Corpus Christi to sit and view local City of Corpus Christi business activities. Such an assignment may be in the governmental business activity, but I hardly think that it is economically feasible and may actually border on governmental interference with a proper government function of the City of Corpus Christi.

I have not been asked to submit this letter by anyone but do so as an interested private citizen. I ask that your office make an inquiry as to the role of the HUD "investigation" to insure that it is not an unnecessary intrusion, interference, or subtle form of harrassment that hampers more than help ease the smooth transition and functioning of the local Corpus Christi office.

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I look forward to your intercession and anticipate an early reply from your office personnel regarding this important issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc ✓ Dr. Hector P. Garcia  
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