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Mr. Joe Martinez, Executive Director Nueces County Community Action Agency 3105 Leopard, Suite #1 Corpus Christi, TX 78408

Dear Mr. Martinez:

Agencies receiving federal block grant funds are required to solicit public comment prior to deliberations on use of funds. To meet this requirement, the Department of Human Services will hold public hearings in eleven (11) locations across the state. The schedule is attached.

In addition to comments on block grant funds, including Title XX and Low-income Home Energy Assistance, the Department will seek comments on agency-wide program directions and budget priorities. Programs include food stamps, AFDC, health care, day care, family planning, employment, nursing home care, community care, licensing of child-care facilities, and aged and disabled persons. Comments will be taken into consideration as advisory committees, staff and members of the Board of Human Services develop the proposed operating plan for fiscal year 1991 and the legislative appropriations request for fiscal year 1992-93.

The Department will make brief presentations on proposed directions and welfare reform at the beginning of each hearing. Testimony will follow the presentations and be limited to five (5) minutes with one speaker representing a group or agency at each location.

Thank you for your assistance. If you need additional information or would like to submit written comments, please write Burt Raiford, TDHS 400-W, P. O. Box 149030, Austin, TX 78714-9030.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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