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Date and time of contact:	Name of the Employee(s) Contacted (Name and Title)	Brief description of the communication: (attach separate sheet if necessary)	
6/16/10	Michael Barr, Ass't Sec. Financial Institutions Herb Allison, Ass't Sec. Financial Stability Gene Sperling, Senior Advisor to the Sec.	Treasury officials cc'd on written communications requesting that congressional representatives contact the Secretary to revisit and restructure the CDCI review process.	
Name of the Employee(s) who prepared this form:			Date
Michael Scherzer			6/28/10

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Anita M. Robinson (not a lobbyist, but contacted Treasury officials in capacity as representative of Mission Community Bank)	CEO	Mission Community Bank	



June 16, 2010

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

I am writing to ask you to contact Secretary Geithner of the U.S. Department of Treasury to strongly urge the Department to immediately revisit and restructure the review process to increase the likelihood of success of the Community Development Capital Initiative (CDCI) program.

The CDCI is a new program created to invest lower-cost capital in insured Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) that lend in the country's hardest-hit communities. CDCI is a Treasury Department program, designed by the Treasury specifically to support mission-oriented institutions in low income communities so they can lend where others will not. As currently structured, the Treasury is relying almost exclusively on the recommendations of the Federal bank and credit union regulatory agencies with respect to which CDFI banks will participate. We believe Treasury has ceded too much control to the regulators. We believe that unless Treasury takes greater ownership of the program, it is not likely to meet its public policy goals.

At the core of our concern are: (1) the lack of commitment by the regulatory agencies to the goals and objectives articulated by the Treasury Department when CDCI was created; and (2) an overly cumbersome, multi-layer review process that is preventing the vast majority of applicants from even being considered for investment by the Treasury Department. Even though the CDCI program was initially announced in November 2009, and officially started in February 2010, more than four months later, not a single CDCI dollar has been invested in any CDFI bank or credit union. **Authority for the program expires September 30, 2010.**

CDFIs are financial institutions that have demonstrated that at least 60% of their total lending and investments serve low income people and communities. Large and small CDFIs across the country are working to stabilize the fallout of the economic downturn. Today more than 800 organizations have been certified by the Treasury as CDFIs. CDFIs deliver credit and technical assistance to borrowers in a responsible manner that fits their needs and long term ability to repay. Our work helps low and moderate income customers build wealth and assets and revitalize communities.

CDFIs are uniquely positioned to help distressed markets begin the road to economic recovery, but they need support. Today, in the aftermath of the recession, CDFIs are needed now more than ever to put the pieces back together.

Again, I ask you to immediately contact Secretary Geithner of the U.S. Department of Treasury to strongly urge the Department to immediately revisit and restructure the review process to increase the likelihood of success of the Community Development Capital Initiative (CDCI) program.

Sincerely,



Anita M. Robinson
Chief Executive Officer

cc:

The Honorable Herbert Allison, Assistant Secretary for Financial Stability
The Honorable Michael Barr, Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions
The Honorable Gene Sperling, Senior Advisor to the Secretary



June 16, 2010

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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