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Ms. Hall,

The recent devastation because of Tropical Storm Fred has greatly affected many counties in Western North Carolina. Transylvania County was severely impacted by flooding when Tropical Storm Fred hit the region on August 17, 2021. I write to encourage you to include the counties affected by this storm in your 2022 Qualified Allocation Plan for federal Low-income Housing Tax Credits. In addition to state and local disaster declarations, a federal major disaster declaration was issued on September 8, 2021 that includes Individual Assistance for affected residents of these counties. Furthermore, please consider adding back the Disaster Recovery section that was removed in the 1st draft of the 2022 Qualified Allocation Plan with the following proposed revisions:

- Revise QAP Section II.B.3. (a) "Additional Tax Credits" such that Ten percent (10%) of tax credits available will be added to the Western region before the Rehabilitation Set-Aside and before any allocations under the New Construction Set-Aside.
- Include Transylvania County in the chart for QAP Section II.B.3.c. "Disaster Recovery Funds".
 Add Transylvania County to QAP Section II.B.3.(b) "County Award Limits" such that no less than one award will be made in Transylvania County for the Western Region.

Thank you for your consideration and please reach out should you have any questions.

Sincerely.

Representative Jake Johnson

