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Attention: Carrie Pagnucco, Chief, Housing and Civil Enforcement Section

RE: Case Name: Northeast Action Collective, et al. v. Texas General Land Office
FHEO Case No.: 06-21-1483-8

Dear Ms. Clarke:

I am writing to refer to the Department of Justice a complaint filed with the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (“FHEO”) that may demonstrate a pattern or practice of discrimination in violation of the Fair Housing Act (“Act”). This complaint alleged that the Texas General Land Office (“GLO”) design and operation of the Hurricane Harvey State Mitigation Competition (the “Competition”) discriminated on the basis of race and national origin.

HUD has completed an investigation of the complaint. As detailed in the enclosed Supplemental Letter of Findings, the investigation revealed that GLO engaged in a pattern or practice of discriminatory actions based on race and national origin that rise to a level of general public importance.

As you know, subsection 814(a) of the Act authorizes the Attorney General to commence a civil action whenever s/he “has reasonable cause to believe that any person . . . is engaged in a pattern or practice of resistance to the full enjoyment of any of the rights granted by [the Act], or that any group of persons has been denied any of the rights granted by [the Act] and such denial raises and issue of general public importance.” 42 U.S.C. § 3614(a).

Based on this investigation and HUD General Counsel’s authority under 24 C.F.R. § 103.500(b), I am referring this complaint and the investigation files to you for further action under the Act.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: HUD's Supplemental Letter of Findings

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