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Fiscal Year 2014 programmatic for the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and Related Agencies

\$1.989 billion for **Administrative Fees for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program**

**Explanation:** Administrative Fees are the funds provided to housing authorities for the costs of administering the Housing Choice Voucher Program, which subsidizes the housing of more than 5 million people in 2.1 million low-income households.

Support the President's FY 2014 request for the **Air Traffic Organization**

**Explanation:** The President's FY 2014 Budget requests \$7.3 billion and 31,017 full time equivalent positions for the Air Traffic Organization. These positions are vital to keeping the nation's air service system up and running. Any lack of funding for ATO would result in significant delays at Chicago's O'Hare International and around the country.

Support the President's FY 2014 request of a \$2.9 billion obligation limitation for the **Airport Improvement Program and an increase in the Passenger Facility Charge**

**Explanation:** The obligation limitation for AIP will allow federal grant funding to be focused on smaller commercial and general aviation airports. At the same time the increase in the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) limit from \$4.50 to \$8.00 will give larger HUB airports like Chicago's O'Hare International greater flexibility to generate their own revenue and use that increased revenue for needed airport improvements.

Support the President's FY 2014 request for the **Choice Neighborhoods Program**

**Explanation:** This program supports locally driven strategies to address struggling neighborhoods with distressed HUD housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation. Local leaders, residents, public housing authorities, cities, schools, police, business owners, nonprofits, and private developers come together to create and implement a plan that transforms distressed HUD housing and addresses the challenges in the surrounding neighborhood.

\$3.3 billion for the **Community Development Block Grant Program**

**Explanation:** CDBG is the centerpiece of the federal government's efforts to help more than 1,200 cities, counties, and states meet the needs of their low and moderate-income people and communities. It revitalizes communities with proven results. CDBG helps fund a wide range of activities including housing investments, public infrastructure improvements, public services and local economic development projects where the private market is absent.

\$2.2 billion for **Continuum of Care in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants Program**

**Explanation:** The City of Chicago currently receives \$54 million annually in McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance, which supports 7,767 beds at 190 sites and services 10,388

people annually. These funds help people move quickly back into permanent housing and rebuild their lives.

\$18.409 billion for **Contract Renewals for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program**

**Explanation:** This funding for Section 8 contract renewals is needed to assist very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled in affording decent, safe, and affordable housing in the private market. This type of housing assistance allows participants to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program.

\$1 billion for **Core Capacity Grants in the New Starts Capital Investment Grants Program**

**Explanation:** MAP-21 expanded the New Starts Capital Investment Grants Program's scope to include Core Capacity projects to improve legacy transit systems. \$1 billion of the program's funding should be dedicated to this new category of projects.

Support the President's FY 2014 request for the **Current Passenger Rail Service Program**

**Explanation:** The President's FY 2014 Budget requests \$2.7 billion to return public rail assets to a state of good repair and to implement positive train control on Amtrak routes. This program includes \$300 million to provide grants to States to transition State-supported routes from Amtrak to State control and \$925 million to improve efficiency of Amtrak's backbone rail facilities and operations, implement PTC on Amtrak routes, and bring stations into ADA compliance.

Support the President's FY 2014 request for the **Emergency Solutions Grant Program**

**Explanation:** The City of Chicago relies on partnerships with federal programs like the Emergency Solutions Grant Program to provide permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, and homelessness prevention programs.

\$42.5 million for the **Fair Housing Initiatives Program**

**Explanation:** The Fair Housing Initiatives Program provides crucial funding for fair housing non-profit organizations to help combat housing discrimination. These organizations educate the community and housing industry on fair housing laws, while also bringing forward suits to enforce these important laws. In the wake of the foreclosure crisis, with more families shifting to the rental market, Congress should support this program and the enforcement of fair housing laws.

\$60 million for the **Family Self Sufficiency Coordinator Program**

**Explanation:** As a resource for increasing economic security and self-sufficiency among Housing Choice Voucher program participants, the program funds family self-sufficiency coordinators who provide families with connections to services and the opportunity to build escrow accounts toward the goal of greater economic security and self-sufficiency.

Support President's FY2014 request for the **Federal Transit Administration**

**Explanation:** The FTA provides grant funding to State, local, and Tribal governments, public and private transit operators, and other recipients to support public transit

infrastructure. These funds are especially vital to cities like Chicago, whose residents rely on public transit to get to and from work every day.

\$1,150,940 for the **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program**

**Explanation:** The HMEP Program provides first responders in every county of Illinois with the federally-required hazardous materials training they require. The grant funding is also used to supplement the local emergency planning committees throughout Illinois to meet the organizational and planning requirements of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.

\$1.6 billion for the **HOME Investment Partnerships Program**

**Explanation:** HOME works with and supports many critical federal housing programs, making it financially feasible to build and sustain housing for the homeless, seniors, persons with disabilities and other individuals and families with low incomes. Local communities can target flexible HOME funds to the particular needs of their communities: new production where units are scarce, rehabilitation where housing quality is a challenge, and the right mix of rental and homeownership.

Support the President's FY 2014 request for the **Housing Counseling Assistance Program**

**Explanation:** The Housing Counseling Assistance Program is a vitally important resource for those purchasing a home for the first time and homeowners who are trying to maintain safe and affordable housing. This program provides counseling to consumers on seeking, financing, maintaining, renting, or owning a home. The program also addresses homelessness through counseling and assists homeowners in need of foreclosure assistance.

\$335 million for the **Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program**

**Explanation:** HOPWA provides communities with funding to provide housing and housing -related services to low income people living with HIV/AIDS. Housing is a proven HIV prevention and healthcare intervention, improving peoples' access and adherence and enabling them to better manage their chronic illness. \$335 million would permit assistance to about 500 additional households as well as the 61,000 already served.

Support the President's FY 2014 request for the **HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program**

**Explanation:** HUD-VASH combines rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. With veterans overrepresented amongst the homeless population, the request for \$75M for HUD-VASH would provide approximately 10,000 additional vouchers to help our veterans.

Support the President's FY 2014 request for the **Intercity Passenger Rail Service Corridor Capital Assistance Program**

**Explanation:** This program increases the States' role in intercity passenger rail development by establishing the first-ever Federal-State partnership for intercity passenger rail investment along the model of those that currently exist for other modes of transportation such as for highways, airports, and transit systems.

\$3 billion for the **New Starts Capital Investment Grants Program**

**Explanation:** This program, which has a pipeline of important projects that could invest over \$30 billion in building and expanding public transportation across the country, was reduced to only \$1.8 billion in 2013 through budget and sequestration cuts. At the same time, the program's scope was expanded to include Core Capacity projects to improve legacy transit systems. In 2014, this funding should be expanded to meet new and waiting demands.

Support the President's FY 2014 request for the **Operation Account of the Federal Aviation Administration**

**Explanation:** The President's FY 2014 Budget requests \$9.7 billion for the operation, maintenance, communications, and logistical support of the air traffic control and air navigation systems.

\$10.67 billion for **Project-Based Rental Assistance**

**Explanation:** The Project-Based Section 8 program provides critical rental assistance to over one million households across the country, in both urban and rural communities. Over 60% of the residents served by the program are low-income seniors or persons with disabilities. In my district there are 3,978 apartments that are supported by this funding, and 70% of the households residing in these homes are elderly or persons with disabilities.

\$500 million for **Projects of National and Regional Significance Program**

**Explanation:** For the Elgin-O'Hare Western Access Project and others projects like it around the country to move forward, the Projects of National and Regional Program need to be fully funded at the authorized level. Without full funding, projects such as the EOWA may not materialize as planned, which may hinder the overall transportation and economic benefits the region needs to remain competitive in global markets.

\$5.072 billion for the **Public Housing Capital Fund**

**Explanation:** This fund is the only dedicated source of annual funding available to make capital improvements, such as repairs and replacements beyond ordinary maintenance, to public housing. In recent years, the Capital Fund appropriation has dwindled, and the amount appropriated no longer contributes to the reduction of the capital needs backlog. As a result, our nation loses 10,000 to 15,000 units each year from our public housing stock.

Support the President's FY 2014 request for the **Public Housing Operating Fund**

**Explanation:** The Operating Fund subsidizes operating costs including program administration, property maintenance, community security, resident participation

activities such as resident councils, and utility costs all of which are necessary components in providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

Support the President's FY 2014 request for the **Rail Service Improvement Program**

**Explanation:** This program will fund substantial improvements to existing passenger rail corridors, as well as improve the nation's freight network by adding capacity, mitigating congestion, and removing bottlenecks. Most importantly, this program will help fund positive train control implementation for commuter railroads, which now face an extremely costly federal PTC mandate.

\$50 million for the **Railroad Safety Technology Grant Program**

**Explanation:** Full funding at its current authorized level of \$50 million is needed to help support public agencies defray the expensive costs associated with implementing the positive train control (PTC) federal mandate. Understanding that this is a difficult budgetary climate, this program is needed to help support public commuter rail agencies defray the expensive costs associated with implementing the federal positive train control mandate.

\$55 million for the **Resident Opportunity and Supportive Services Program**

**Explanation:** This program provides Service Coordinators, whose role is to leverage resources available from local community partners and connect residents to existing services that will help residents move along the spectrum of self-sufficiency.

General support for the **Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation**

**Explanation:** The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation works to improve the operation and maintenance of a safe, reliable, efficient, and environmentally responsible deep-draft waterway within the territorial limits of the U.S. between the Port of Montreal and Lake Erie. This program is integral to the environment and waterborne commerce of the Great Lakes.

\$35 million for the **Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Program**

**Explanation:** Section 4 strengthens the nation's communities by bolstering nonprofit capacity. This is an important, unique and efficient program that leverages significant private capital using minimal federal dollars.

Support the President's FY 2014 request for the **Sustainable Communities Initiative**

**Explanation:** Sustainable Communities Initiative provides grants to develop comprehensive local and regional housing and transportation plans that result in sustainable development, reduced energy use, and increased transit-accessible housing.

\$1 billion for the **TIGER Grants Program**

**Explanation:** The City has leveraged TIGER funding for transportation and transit projects, including a \$20 million grant to modernize 95th Street Station, and has several eligible projects to put forward this year. Increasing TIGER funding to \$1 billion in

FY2014 will ensure that cities across the country can access funding for innovative, multi-modal projects.

\$1 billion for the **Transportation Alternatives Program**

**Explanation:** This program includes funding for Safe Routes to School and multi-modal enhancements including bike lanes and re-engineering crossings to make them more pedestrian-friendly. Funds were cut to \$700 million nationally, and given complicated state allocation formulas, cities are not receiving the funds they need. As the City of Chicago consolidates schools, these projects to help ensure safe routes to new schools are particularly important.

\$3 billion for the **Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Program**

**Explanation:** This program provides federal credit assistance to eligible surface transportation projects, including highway, transit, intercity passenger rail, some types of freight rail, and intermodal freight transfer facilities. The program is designed to fill market gaps and leverage substantial private co-investment by providing projects with supplemental or subordinate debt.

Support the President's FY 2014 request for the **University Transportation Center Program**

**Explanation:** These competitive funds would be used to support strong pioneering transportation research that will advance U.S. technology and expertise in transportation through education, research, and technology transfer.