



February 22, 2011

President Barack Obama
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President Obama:

I am writing in regarding funding cuts to the Community Action Programs. The Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys' (MAHA) mission is to support professional opportunities for Hispanics in the legal field, and to address legal issues of concern to the national Hispanic community.

MAHA is a non-profit, non-partisan, association. We represent the interest of Hispanic American attorneys, judges, and law professors and all Hispanic professionals in law.

I would like to acknowledge the important work Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD) does for low-income families in the Boston area. ABCD is one of the largest Human Service Agency dedicated to helping poor families. These cuts would mean serious crisis for the low-income families that depend of ABCD for basic needs services. ABCD depends on funding to help needy families, but also to move people toward self-sufficiency for a better life.

ABCD is an organization that serves a diverse population not only with basic needs services such as, fuel assistance, housing and homelessness, youth summer-work, EITC, head start, weatherization, Health nutrition, job training, Educational training among many other services. Low-income families had gained education and stabilization thro the ABCD programs. MAHA is very privileged to collaborate with so many Organizations including ABCD and the Citywide Boston Hispanic Neighborhood Service Center, as they have been a key force agency in helping our community to emerge from recession and to bring resources to the community.

We, respectfully urge your administration to fund the Community Action Agencies to maintain this important programs to the poor families in our community.

Truly yours,

Lucy Rivera
President
Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys