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VIA FACSIMILE TO 202/619-8365

Ms. Ann Aldrich
Executive Secretariat
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 10139
Washington, D.C. 20410

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
HUD's Agreement With Energy Capital

Dear Ms. Aldrich:

In the Friday, February 7th issue of *The Wall Street Journal*, the article in the left column of the front page talks about the following:

"As hosts for several Democratic fundraising events, the two businessmen [Alan Leventhal and Fred Seigel] went on to collect \$3 million for the president's campaign, with Mr. Leventhal, his family and his companies donating \$185,000. Last fall, they got what they wanted: Their company, Energy Capital Partners, was picked by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a major lending role in a new \$200 million program to make federally assisted housing more energy efficient.

"Breaking precedent, HUD entered into an arrangement allowing Energy Capital to be repaid ahead of the government if housing-development owners defaulted. In another unusual twist, the federal notice outlining the loan program mentioned Energy Capital and Mr. Seigel by name."

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, please provide us with the following:

- All documents pertaining to the decision to enter into this agreement;
- The actual written arrangement itself and the federal notice outlining the loan program which mentions Energy Capital and Mr. Seigel by name; and
- Any HUD documentation regarding the arrangement subsequent to the *Wall Street Journal*, including any press releases or termination of the agreement, if that occurred.

Ervin and Associates agrees to pay up to \$50 for the processing of this request. If the anticipated fees exceed \$50, please call me so I may revise the request.

Very truly yours,
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David J. Ervin