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The Honorable Carlos Curbelo
United States House of Representatives
1100 Simonton Street, Suite 1-213
Key West, Florida 33040

Re: Sigsbee Park Vacant Housing Units Needed for Affordable Housing

Dear Mr. Curbelo,

As you may know Sigsbee Park is a land area within the City of Key West which is operated and controlled by the U.S. Naval Air Station. Sigsbee Park includes many facilities operated by the U.S. Military which greatly benefit local military personnel and retired military visitors to the island of Key West. The facilities include an RV park, child care centers, recreational facilities, and residential housing. During a recent tour, I observed a large section of over 160 vacant housing units with no known plans for the future.

When I inquired about making these units available to military members or military civilian employees, I was surprised that no clear plan to do so is in place. Unfortunately, Key West is suffering a severe crisis of a lack of affordable housing. I am attaching a memorandum produced by the City of Key West Planning Department documenting the crisis. The federal government can make a positive impact on our island by making these units available to military members and other civilian employees.

Hundreds of people would have affordable housing in the City of Key West if these units were made available. I am reaching out to you to ask you for your assistance on this most important subject. Please let me know when we can speak and devise a plan to move forward on this.

I truly appreciate your assistance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sam Kaufman".

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