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Kenneth T. Cuccinelli
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Ave NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Acting Director Cuccinelli:

As Puerto Rico's sole Representative in the United States House of Representatives, I write to express my support for the development of the project ("Project") in the municipalities of Vega Alta and Dorado, Puerto Rico, described further below. Puerto Rico is facing serious economic challenges, due to the hurricanes that hit the island in 2017, the earthquakes during the last year and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, a quick financing and development of the Project through the EB-5 Program could prove to be transformational for these communities and the Island.

It is my understanding that the Project will include a hospital and a hotel component that will improve public health services in the region and promote economic development and job creation as well. The DB Health Center, which will be adjacent to the Dorado Beach Health Hospital, is being developed in collaboration with Johns Hopkins Medicine International. The proposed DB Health Center will generate approximately \$93 million in economic activity, support 202 jobs directly or indirectly, with a payroll of \$14.6 million and will generate over \$6 million in additional tax revenue.

The hotel component of the Project will be developed in what used to be the Cerromar Beach Hotel, which has been closed since 2003. I've been informed this will generate approximately 2,700 new direct and indirect jobs, a payroll of \$241 million and \$1.5 billion in additional economic activity, with additional tax revenue should total \$78 million. At the site a new 154 key Marriott branded property will be developed. It will serve as both a primary hosting facility to support the visitors and professionals at the DB Health Center, as well as to provide lifesaving quarantine space and overflow housing for medical staff in the event of a pandemic or natural disaster. Moreover, it will be the most important new hotel to support training, small conferences, executive retreats and innovation labs for Puerto Rico's critical pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing industry, located in the neighboring municipalities of Barceloneta

and Manati, an industry that is predicted to lead the charge to bring additional manufacturing back to the island. Additionally, the construction of the hotel and health center will promote also entail infrastructure improvements including power, roads, water and sewer facilities.

Therefore, and in accordance with all applicable rules, laws and regulations, I respectfully request your consideration for expedited processing of the Project EB-5 petition. The swift development of this important Project is crucial for the Island, and if necessary, I remain available to discuss further at your convenience.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jenniffer González-Colón". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Jenniffer González-Colón
Member of Congress

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January 29, 2021

The Honorable Jenniffer González-Colón
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative González-Colón:

Thank you for your January 12, 2021 letter expressing support for development of the project in the municipalities of Vega Alta and Dorado, Puerto Rico under the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program.

We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts on the financing and development of the project and how it can be transformational for the communities in Puerto Rico. We have shared a copy of your letter of support with the USCIS Immigrant Investor Program.

As you may know, USCIS adjudicates every benefit request on a case by case basis. We will give the DB Health Center submission the appropriate consideration and make a determination based upon the totality of the evidence presented.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Should you require any additional assistance, please have your staff contact the USCIS Office of Legislative Affairs at (240) 721-3801.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy L. Renaud".

Tracy L. Renaud
Senior Official Performing
the Duties of the Director