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Dear Mr. Bischak:

I am writing to provide comments on the CDFI Fund's Awardee/Alocatee Annual Reporting. The biggest issue for us is the amount of information required about our loan portfolio in the TLR reporting. We do utilize a software program that will generate a data file for upload to the CDFI Fund but during our last reporting period, I had to do extensive editing and correcting within CIIS to be sure the information was accurate. My biggest suggestion is for the CDFI Fund to look at all the data collected to be sure that it is necessary, especially data such as FIPS codes. It takes an enormous amount of time to be sure we are collecting the proper data throughout the year and a large amount of time to input it into CIIS. For anyone else who does not have the ability to upload a file, this is a very daunting task. I do appreciate the time the Fund gives to awardees to submit the required reports and of course, we deeply appreciate your program and all the support it provides to CDFI's nationwide.

Sincerely,

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