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It is my pleasure to join in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). I am proud to have supported the bill that created this program, and I am honored to celebrate its lasting legacy today.

Every American deserves housing that is affordable and a community that is resilient. It's about more than having a safe place to call home—it's a part of the American Dream. And since it was established five decades ago, CDBG has been instrumental in bringing that dream within reach for countless people across the country.

The impact of CDBG has been transformative. This program has supported lifechanging projects in the more than 1,200 jurisdictions and hundreds of Tribes it serves. From expanding affordable housing to driving efforts to end veteran homelessness, CDBG has been a light in the lives of millions. Under my Administration, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has strengthened CDBG by ensuring its funds are used to support initiatives that address the most pressing needs in our communities, like building more housing and making our infrastructure more resilient. And we are continuing to invest in innovative projects that matter most in people's lives.

On this milestone anniversary, I would like to thank our partners at all levels of government and throughout our communities who have made CDBG so impactful. The work you do truly matters. It is unlocking tremendous possibilities all across America, and it is a big part of the reason I'm so optimistic about our future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.