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OFFICE OF
CIVIL RIGHTS

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
Washington, DC 20590

In Reply Refer To: HCR-20
DOT# 2015-0051

(b) (6)

Subject: DOT# 2015-0051

Dear (b) (6):

This letter acknowledges that the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Office of Civil Rights is in receipt of your complaint, filed on December 16, 2014, alleging violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and USDOT's implementation regulations at 49 CFR Part 21 and/or 23 CFR Part 200.

In your complaint, you allege that the Baltimore County Department of Public Works (BCDPW) discriminates against persons on the basis of race, color, or national origin, in violation of Title VI. Specifically, you allege that BCDPW distributes sewer services and roadside curbing in a discriminatory manner throughout Baltimore County, providing more sewers and curbs in neighborhoods with higher percentages of White residents than in neighborhoods with higher percentages of minority residents.

FHWA does not have jurisdiction over issues related to the provision of sewer systems and drainage services, including curbing. Accordingly, the allegations in this complaint will be dismissed. This concludes the processing of your complaint by the FHWA Office of Civil Rights. The complaint will be closed and no further action will be taken by FHWA.

Please note that you may file a private suit at any time pursuant to section 601 of Title VI. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ryan Fitzpatrick at (202) 366-1583.

Sincerely,

Nichole McWhorter
Division Manager
Coordination and Compliance Division

Cc: Gregory Murrill, Division Administrator, FHWA MD Division Office
Bill Wade, Assistant Division Manager, FHWA MD Division Office



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