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My name is Judd Schultz and I am the Housing Services Director for Minnesota Valley Action Council, Inc. in Mankato, Minnesota. I have overall responsibility for the WAP-ARRA program in our service area.

In regards to changes in reporting requirements, it seems we spend more time reporting for ARRA than actually utilizing the funds. There are reporting mechanisms already in place in Minnesota, in which our state agency can pull production reports showing units completed and dollars spent. We should rely on these reports that are already present rather than adding additional requirements. As for reporting jobs added, this whole process should be simplified. I understand the desire for transparency in reporting these requirements, but we utilize many sole proprietors for mechanical work in our program. There are over 100 contractors on our list. To verify each month that did jobs for us, collect the hours worked from each, keep a spreadsheet updated and fill-out reports will most likely take one full-time staff person 7 – 10 days to complete the task. Are we creating report requirements to simply create work? What happens when the money is gone? No more work for the artificial inflated jobs.

Between these reporting requirements, Other ARRA required reports and state reports, we are essentially reporting the same information in three different formats. I encourage greater research into existing reporting structures and use what is already in place rather than creating more work in the guise of transparency.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these requirements.

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