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Mrs. Cassie Allred  
Webb County Self Help Center  
Highway 359  
Laredo, Texas 78043

Re: Maria Cruz  
Contract #7216012

Dear Mrs. Allred,

Habitat for Humanity of Laredo is requesting an extension for the contract listed above due to some unforeseen challenges in the building lot located at 620 Riverhill Loop, Laredo, Texas. As you are aware, the lot that was donated for the project was converted prior to donation of the land to Habitat for Humanity from an unbuildable lot to a buildable lot. At the time that we received our survey and evaluated the lot, we knew that it would require a large amount of fill dirt. In working with the city building department, they requested that we change the initial foundation and drainage plan which then required even more additional dirt and the flow of water then needed to be readdressed. After speaking to our foundation engineer, we decided to upgrade the entire foundation to protect the integrity of the house and that required that the rebar and other components be upgraded to a size that was not available in Laredo. We did find a fabricator who could assist us but between the additional "lifts" of soil that was needed, digging trenches that were much deeper that required a much heavier piece of equipment and the fabrication of foundation materials, it took 7 weeks more than expected just to install the foundation. Additionally, because of the extra dirt added, we needed to build a retaining wall to protect the neighbor's property.

With the challenges we have faced, Habitat for Humanity is requesting a minimum of a 90-day extension (120 days if possible) to complete the home construction. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol S. Sherwood".

Carol S. Sherwood  
Executive Director

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