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Ms. Katie Smith Sloan
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Dear Ms. Sloan:

Thank you for your letter dated August 19, 2020, regarding the “Executive Order on Fighting the Spread of COVID-19 by Providing Assistance to Renters and Homeowners.” This Executive Order was issued by President Donald J. Trump on August 8, 2020. In your letter, you urge the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and other agencies to act quickly to implement the order.

On September 8, 2020, HUD’s Office of Multifamily Housing programs issued an email to program stakeholders describing the order and explaining the steps residents must take to be eligible for eviction protections under the order. The email included a link to the Executive Order and to the Declaration that tenants must sign. The guidance also encouraged Multifamily property owners and management agents to inform residents of the eviction protections under this order and the required declaration form. A resident cannot be required to complete the declaration but will not have the CDC eviction protection without it. HUD also continues to encourage housing providers to work with residents to help them stay stably housed.

With respect to housing providers, HUD has made available funding from the CARES Act to offset reduced tenant rental contributions and extraordinary owner expenses related to COVID-19, and to supplement service coordination funding. To further assist owners during the coronavirus pandemic, HUD has extended additional flexibilities in the use of project funds to address unanticipated problems. Additional information about these actions is available in the Frequently Asked Questions in the Multifamily Housing web page.

Thank you for your letter and for your work on behalf of families served by HUD programs.

Sincerely,

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