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CHA Participating Landlords

On December 21st, Congress failed to provide FY19 funding for several federal agencies, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), causing a partial government shutdown. After thirty-five (35) days, the longest government shutdown in history ended when a joint continuing resolution was passed by Congress and signed by the President on January 25th.

This continuing resolution is just a stop-gap measure that only funds the government until February 15th at which point there must be another appropriations deal or the government will once again shut down. As a recipient of HUD funding for our various housing programs, this is a situation we are watching very closely. If the shutdown should resume, the Cambridge Housing Authority will make the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) for March and have contingency plans if the government shutdown resumes and continues for an extended period of time. As we receive more information, we will keep you informed through our website and future inserts like this.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your continued partnership with the Cambridge Housing Authority in assisting the most vulnerable members of our community. As a good partner, please be assured that our number one priority is to ensure that you, our landlords, continue to receive full and timely payments for the homes you have provided to our voucher holders.

Cambridge Housing Authority would also take this opportunity to urge everyone to make their voices heard. Now is the time to reach out to your Congressional Representatives and demand that an FY19 appropriations bill be passed.

Please feel free to reach out to me via e-mail at mjohnston@cambridge-housing.org or to call my office at 617-520-6229 if you have any questions or pressing concerns. Again, I thank you for your partnership and service and look forward to many more years of collaboration.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Johnston
Executive Director