## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WASHINGTON, DC 20410-8000



ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOUSING-FEDERAL HOUSING COMMISSIONER

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Dear Mr. Rutledge:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is seeking an emergency review of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements for the Policies and Procedures for the Conversion of Efficiencies Units to One Bedroom Units Housing Notice and its attachments. The Notices of Paperwork Submission (copies enclosed), proposed for immediate Federal Register publication, explains the burden of the collection requirements and invites public comment on them.

In compliance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.13, this letter requests emergency processing within 14 days from the date of publication of the Federal Register Notice. This emergency processing is essential to coordinate the needs of the President's American Reinvestment and Recovery Plan.

The emergency review is necessary in this case for the following reasons: there is high demand for the conversion of efficiency units to one bedroom units; projects will be financially and physically repositioned for long-term affordability; projects will be designed to meet market demands and resident needs; projects experiencing significant and recurring vacancies are provided with program tools to avoid financial default; and HUD-assisted projects will be provided with the flexibility to respond to local market needs and meet resident needs as fully as possible.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Ronald Y. Spraker,

Associate General Deputy Assistant Secretary for

Housing

Enclosures