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Joseph B. Nye
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Dear Mr. Nye:

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) and the regulation of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) at 5 CFR 1320.13, HUD requests emergency processing of the enclosed collection of information request.

The proposed information collection will help HUD assess the technology needs, such as access to high-speed Internet, or the establishment of computer hardware in HUD-subsidized housing. HUD is requesting emergency processing of this request because philanthropic foundations, nonprofit organizations, private sector entities, and others have expressed interest in helping residents housed with HUD assistance to narrow their technology infrastructure and digital literacy gaps by offering these services without cost to HUD, the residents, or their housing providers. The questions included in the information collection will enable HUD to assess the technology needs of residents housed with HUD assistance, the commitment of communities and public housing agencies to narrowing these technology gaps, and the capacity of such jurisdictions to successfully utilize the type of assistance that is being offered.

HUD seeks emergency processing because the window of opportunity to obtain such benefits is narrow and would not be available if HUD were to wait and collect such information after the expiration of the time periods established under 24 CFR part 1320. Helping residents in HUD subsidized housing obtain self-sufficiency is essential to HUD's mission. The Administration has made clear that knowledge is a pillar to achieving the American Dream—a catalyst for upward mobility. Missing this opportunity to offer residents in subsidized housing a pathway to self-sufficiency would harm the public by putting the residents of such housing at a disadvantage. Offering low-income Americans a way to break the cycle of poverty benefits residents of subsidized housing and their communities.

We sincerely appreciate your assistance with this matter and hope that OMB will be able to accommodate our request to review and approve the information collection request by May 28, 2015. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-402-5132 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Camille E. Acevedo".

Camille E. Acevedo, Associate General Counsel for
Legislation and Regulations

Enclosure