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Dear Ms. Young:

The Department is seeking emergency review of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements contained in the "COVID-19 Supplemental Payments" collection. The Notice of Paperwork Submission (copy enclosed), proposed for immediate *Federal Register* publication, explains the burden of the collection requirements and invites public comments on them. This is a reinstatement of collection 2502-0619, which expired on January 31, 2021.

In compliance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.13, this letter requests emergency processing within 2 days from the date of publication. This emergency processing is essential to allow property owners to immediately begin preparing and submitting requests for supplemental payments to help address property cost increases related to COVID-19. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116-136) provided an additional \$1 billion under the heading *Project-Based Rental Assistance* (PBRA) for Section 8 properties, \$50 million under the heading *Housing for the Elderly* (Section 202), and \$15 million under the heading *Housing for Persons with Disabilities* (Section 811) to "prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including to provide additional funds to maintain normal operations and take other necessary actions during the period that the program is impacted by coronavirus." A portion of these appropriations are being provided via a special payment process that supplements amounts currently provided under existing Section 8, Section 202, and Section 811 rental assistance contracts administered by the Office of Multifamily Housing. To facilitate provision of funds, HUD created a new form in the monthly payment voucher series, labeled HUD Form 52671-E, which was assigned OMB collection number 2502-0619 in July 2020. HUD completed two funding request cycles in August and December 2020 that successfully utilized the new form.

The current administration recently determined to make remaining CARES Act funding for Multifamily programs available to owners through the same processes utilized in 2020 and HUD anticipates releasing a Housing Notice announcing the procedures for owners to request additional funds during the week of March 22, 2021. The Notice will include a submission deadline for the request form of April 16, 2021 making it extremely critical for this collection to be reinstated immediately.

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Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures