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Dear Mr. Nye:

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 and revision of collection 2502-0619, which expired on September 30, 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 Form 52671-E, which was assigned OMB collection number 2502-0619 in July 2020. HUD has completed three funding request cycles in August and December 2020 and April 2021 that successfully utilized the form.

The administration recently finalized policy and procedural changes for a fourth round of Multifamily Housing COVID-19 Supplemental Payments (CSPs), which were announced in Housing Notice H 2021-05. HUD has incorporated these changes in an updated version of the HUD 52671-E CSP request form, which we anticipate owners using to submit their funding needs to HUD no later than November 19, 2021. This is anticipated to be the final round of owner requests for CARES Act CSPs. The time sensitive nature of this funding to address continuing impacts of COVID-19 and announced submission deadline make it is extremely critical that the associated information collection be reinstated immediately.

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Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures