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RE: NOTICE OF CY2018 RENT INCREASE SUSPENSIONS

Open Letter to HCV Program Participants & Property Owner/Landlords:

After taking office on January 20, 2017 the President of the United States enacted across the board federal budget adjustments as a mechanism to compel the Congress to act on deficit reduction. This action triggered a 5% funding reduction to all *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development* (HUD) programs the 1st quarter in 2017. The 2018 proposed budget issued May 22, 2017 cuts another 3%-4%.

These reductions in funding were passed along to the nearly 3,500 Housing Authorities across the US that administer HUD programs (approximately \$7.5 billion cut in 2017 and \$9.5 billion in 2018). These reductions in funding have had a direct negative impact on the DuPage Housing Authority and the federal program we administer.

Rent Increase suspensions:

At this time, the DuPage Housing Authority (DHA) will be able to continue to honor all *existing* Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contracts. However, to prevent termination of any current HAP contracts and to avoid terminating vouchers from program participant families, requested increases to contract rent amounts are suspended, **effective immediately**. This includes rent increase requests from project-based voucher sites.

For all currently participating landlords, all rent increase requests received by DHA prior to January 31, 2018 will be *considered* for increase. All rent increases requests received on or after January 31, 2018, *will not be considered for increase* until federal program funding trends allow consideration.

Our hope is that you will continue to participate in our Housing Choice Voucher program. We also hope you will understand that our objectives are to honor all current HAP contracts, maintain current voucher utilization and strengthen rental markets within DuPage County by providing competitive, comparable rental amounts to participant landlords interested in providing decent, safe and sanitary housing to qualified tenants.

Additional information can be found in your online portal, or on our agency website at **www.dupagehousing.org**.

Sincerely,

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Cc: HUD Chicago Office