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The Honorable Marcia Fudge
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Secretary Fudge,

Our country is currently grappling with two serious crises: the border crisis and a critical housing shortage. As American families struggle to afford decent housing, it is essential that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) assistance prioritizes U.S. citizens and is not diverted to migrants because of our failure to secure the border. To that end, I am writing to follow up on your recent testimony at the House Financial Services Committee.

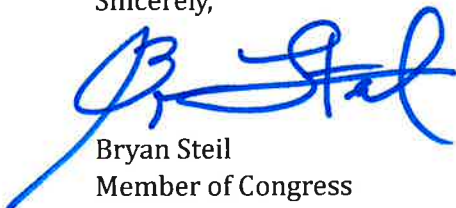
As you will recall, during the hearing I raised this concern and asked for more information about HUD's safeguards to ensure U.S. citizens are prioritized. Under Section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-399), HUD may not make assistance available to undocumented immigrants. With this in mind, I was surprised to learn that HUD does not have a clear understanding of how much funding, if any, may be provided by public housing authorities (PHAs) to benefit undocumented immigrants.

I want to work with you to ensure HUD prioritizes U.S. citizens and follows the law. Please address the following questions as soon as possible:

1. How can HUD follow Section 214 if it does not know whether any funds were provided to benefit undocumented immigrants or other ineligible persons?
2. Can you confirm that no HUD funding is being used to house undocumented immigrants?
3. Are there any legal restrictions that would prevent HUD from asking PHAs for data on residents' immigration status?
4. What resources or authorities would HUD require in order to be able to ensure compliance with the law, which would entail the prioritization of U.S. citizens and lawful immigrants?

Thank you for your attention to this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time to address this concern.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress