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The Honorable Scott Turner
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street SW
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Turner,

We are writing to you regarding allegations of mismanagement at Newcap, Inc., a Wisconsin Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grantee. As you may know, Newcap is a non-profit based in Oconto, Wisconsin, that operates in 10 counties in the state. Due to widespread misuse of taxpayer funds, Newcap is at risk of collapse. We ask that you investigate this matter and provide an update on corrective measures.

In both 2023 and 2024, Newcap reported a \$2 million deficit, despite receiving nearly \$11 million from the federal government and nearly \$3 million from the state. This deficit appears to be driven by abnormally high salaries for executives (including nearly \$240,000 in annual compensation for the Chief Executive Officer, more than double her salary in 2018) and the misuse of grant funds to purchase first-class plane tickets and “team building activities” that included high-end dinners and cooking classes, among other items.

Executive compensation at Newcap exceeded all 14 other peer agencies in the state. Further, Newcap’s executive compensation also included a \$50,000 bonus for their CEO drawing off a Bezos Family Grant in a practice one charity watchdog criticized as “frowned upon in the nonprofit sector” for its potential to create “inappropriate incentives.”

According to Newcap’s most recently published audit, \$3 million of Newcap’s annual receipts came from various HUD programs, including Permanent Supportive Housing, the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grant, and the HOME Homebuyer and Homeowner Rehabilitation Program. Money that should have gone towards helping Wisconsinites find safe and stable housing may have instead padded executive salaries and funded staff outings. This presents a clear case of wasteful and abusive behavior with taxpayer funds.

We look forward to your response and stand ready to work with you to restore good governance and responsible management of critical housing programs. Thank you for your attention to this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time to address this concern.

Sincerely,

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Bryan Steil
Member of Congress

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Tony Wied
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