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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James E. Clyburn
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn:

We write to respectfully urge the Subcommittee to include language in upcoming Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations legislation providing for the renewal of existing Continuum of Care (CoC) grants if litigation regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY2026) CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) remains unresolved by December 1, 2026.

The CoC program provides critical housing assistance and supportive services for veterans, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and families in communities across the country, and we appreciate the Subcommittee's longstanding commitment to ensuring federal housing resources are deployed effectively to address homelessness.

In August, the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island vacated the FY2026 CoC NOFO. HUD appealed that decision, and in September, the appellate court allowed the FY2026 CoC competition to proceed while remanding the case to the district court for further consideration. Despite this decision, uncertainty surrounding the NOFO could jeopardize the timely renewal of existing grants and disrupt housing assistance and supportive services for vulnerable populations.

Providing for the renewal of existing CoC grants would not predetermine the outcome of the litigation. Rather, it would provide continuity for communities and program participants while outstanding legal matters are addressed.

We therefore request that the Subcommittee include this language in a continuing resolution or FY2027 THUD appropriations bill, whichever vehicle moves first, to ensure existing CoC recipients can continue providing assistance without interruption.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued leadership on federal housing and homelessness programs. We look forward to working with you to ensure continuity of housing assistance.

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