Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

November 20, 2025

The Honorable Scott Turner Secretary U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W. Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Secretary Turner:

We write to express our deepest concerns regarding the timing of the fiscal year 2025 (FY25) funding competition for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program and its impact on the continuation of housing services for more than 750,000 veterans, unaccompanied youth, people with disabilities, those fleeing domestic violence and other struggling Americans served through this program nationally. On November 13, 2025, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued the long-awaited Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY25 CoC Program grant cycle, which provides 60 calendar days for applicants to submit their application to the Department, with an application closing date of January 14, 2026, and an anticipated award date of May 1, 2026. Concurrently, nearly \$3.7 billion in CoC grants awarded nationally during the FY24 cycle will begin expiring on December 31, 2025. The timing of the FY25 CoC NOFO represents the most delayed issuance of a NOFO for the CoC Program over the last 10 years, and consequentially, will result in the most prolonged funding gap for this critical homelessness prevention program.

While we support a competitive process that allows applicants to complete their applications within a reasonable amount of time; since 2016, the average time HUD has historically allowed for applicants to complete the CoC Program application is approximately 80 calendar days, with competition deadlines concluding no later than November of the respective calendar year in which the competition was held. The only exception to this precedent was in FY21, during which the first Trump administration requested for Congress to not subject the FY20 CoC funding cycle to competition given the time constraints of completing a NOFO during a Presidential transition year, which Congress ultimately adopted in section 419 of Division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260). Building on this precedent, section 166 of S.2882/H.R. 5450, if enacted, would have prevented a delay in awarding FY25 CoC funding in an effort to prevent a gap in services. We believe that the timing of the issuance of the NOFO, combined with major policy changes for the FY25 competition, will cause major disruptions to homeless services at the local level through the Winter and into Spring 2026, threatening housing assistance for at least 170,000 people currently served through the CoC Program.

We urge the Department to strongly reconsider the feasibility of completing the new FY25 CoC competition in a fair and timely manner without causing major disruptions to the program beginning January 1, 2026. We respectfully request the Department submit to the House Committee on Appropriations no later than November 28, 2025, a list of all CoC grants that will expire between December 31, 2025-December 31, 2026, including the grant award amount, project type and CoC

location. We also request the number of staff assigned to the Departmental review of the FY25 applications, the expected date(s) for executing grant agreements, and timing of when FY25 grantees would begin obligating funds.

These grants serve as a lifeline for more than 400 communities across the country and we are prepared to work with you to help ensure resources appropriated by this Congress continue to serve those most in need without delay.

We appreciate your attention to this critical and timely matter.

Sincerely,

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