

June 11, 2015

The Honorable Julian Castro  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7th St S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20410

RE: FR-5855-A-01 Establishing a More Effective Fair Market Rent (FMR) System;  
Using Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMRs) in Housing Choice Voucher  
Program Instead of the Current 50th Percentile FMRs; Advanced Notice of  
Proposed Rulemaking

Secretary Castro:

The undersigned organizations represent a diverse group of housing providers, including private property owners and managers and public housing authorities (PHAs), who are directly impacted by changes made to Fair Market Rents. Our industry is very concerned with the Department of Housing and Urban Development's proposal to use Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMRs) in the Housing Choice Voucher Program instead of the current 50<sup>th</sup> percentile FMRs. In light of the fact that we would like to provide the Department with a thorough review, we are requesting an additional 60 days to prepare an assessment of the proposal, proposing a new deadline of September 2, 2015.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact Lisa Blackwell, via email [lblackwell@nmhc.org](mailto:lblackwell@nmhc.org) with the National Multifamily Housing Council with any questions.

Sincerely,

Council for Affordable and Rural Housing  
Institute of Real Estate Management  
LeadingAge  
National Affordable Housing Management Association  
National Apartment Association  
National Association of Housing Cooperatives  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Leased Housing Association  
National Multifamily Housing Council