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Dear Housing Choice Voucher Landlords:

The Housing Authority of Monroe County wanted to reach out to address questions we know exist regarding the impact of the Federal Government shutdown on the Housing Choice Voucher Program (aka Section 8 program). We have received notification from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), that while HUD does have funding for the Housing Choice Voucher Program through February, if the shutdown continues into March, there will be a delay in payments.

We thank you for being a valued partner of Housing Authority of Monroe County's Housing Choice Voucher Program. Your partnership has been integral to the program's success and its ability to serve approximately 2056 HCV participants. We strongly encourage you to contact your local legislators to let them know impact this has on you and our community. Their contact information is as follows:

US Representative Susan Wild  
 3900 Hamilton Boulevard Suite 207  
 Allentown, PA 18103 (610) 770-3490  
 Longworth House Office Building  
 Room 1607  
 Washington, DC 20515

US Rep Matt Cartwright  
 1034 Longworth House Office Building  
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 226 Wyoming Avenue  
 Scranton, PA 18503

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 1150 S. Cedar Crest Blvd Suite 101  
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 248 Russell Senate Office Building  
 Washington, D.C. 20510

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 417 Lackawanna Avenue, Suite 303  
 Scranton, PA 18503  
 393 Russell Senate Office Building  
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Please understand that your HAP payment is funded directly from the Federal Government, the Housing Authority of Monroe County just acts as a liaison between the landlords and HUD. The Housing Authority of Monroe County urges landlords to prepare. Unless, the "shutdown" ends, the HAP payments will terminate February 28, 2019. Landlords should expect not to receive any further payments until after the "shutdown". Once the "shutdown" ends, the Housing Authority will resume HAP payments; and expects pay landlords all the outstanding HAP due.

Also as a reminder, as a landlord on the Housing Choice Voucher Program, you cannot require your tenants to make up this government shortfall. The amount that the tenant pays you on a monthly basis will not change due to the government shortfall.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 570-421-7770 ext 224.

Sincerely,

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