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Dear Valued Business Partner:

In late December, the Congress and the White House failed to approve funding bills for a portion of the federal government which placed 800,000 federal employees into a furlough status. In addition to the furlough, the partial federal shutdown also constrained funding available for various federal programs. One of the agencies impacted is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and one of the programs impacted is the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP).

Housing agencies, including Delaware County Housing Authority (DCHA) did receive HCVP funding for January and we have been informed by HUD that HCVP funding will be available for February. While we have not yet received notification from HUD about March's payment, our industry association has advised us that we may not receive full funding or any funding for March.

Therefore, through no fault of their own, Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) across the country, including DCHA may not be able to pay the PHA portion of rental assistance for voucher holders residing in your unit(s) if the government shutdown is prolonged.

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While we anticipate that this will be a short-term event, we recognize that voucher holders and our agency have obligations that must be met. Therefore, we ask that you consider the temporary and unforeseeable nature of this shutdown and also consider that this shortfall of HCVP funding is not the fault of the voucher holder(s). When this shutdown has ended, and HUD has received congressional funding, PHAs will be able to pay their portion of a voucher holder's rent if your HAP payment was delayed. We fully anticipate that Congress will provide HUD with funding to retroactively make payments to landlords.

Given the extraordinary circumstances, we ask for your continued partnership in housing our families. Thank you for your patience and consideration.

Sincerely,

Delaware County Housing Authority