January 22, 2013

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

Dear Secretary Donovan:

NAHRO has learned that the Congress is weighing a year-long Continuing Resolution as a possible approach to concluding the FY 2013 appropriations process. It is our understanding that the Department is aware of this eventuality and will likely submit a list of proposed anomalies to congressional appropriators for their consideration.

NAHRO’s more than 23,000 agency and individual members urge you to include the recommendations contained within the attached memorandum in the Administration’s list of recommended anomalies. These critically important anomalies in the areas of Public Housing, Housing Choice Vouchers, the Community Development Block Grant program, and homelessness assistance are needed to avoid disruptions to local agency operations and prevent devastating outcomes for potentially hundreds of thousands of low-income families served by the programs our members administer.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our recommendations. I trust that the final list of requested anomalies you submit to congressional appropriators will reflect your commitment to the wellbeing of the federal housing and community development programs the Department oversees. If I can be of additional assistance to you on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development  
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