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NATIONAL HOUSING ORGANIZATION URGES NEWLY FORMED SUPER COMMITTEE TO PROTECT LOW INCOME AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 6, 2011) – The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), in a letter to the members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, known as the “super committee,” advised the committee to responsibly reduce the current federal deficit in a balanced fashion, taking both cost-cutting and revenue raising methods into account.

“Spending levels for housing and community development (HCD) programs have been reduced to levels significantly below well-documented nationwide needs for years now,” said NAHRO Chief Executive Officer Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. “Continued defunding of HCD programs will have detrimental effects on communities nationwide and will harm our country’s most vulnerable citizens – the elderly, disabled and working poor.”

Further cuts to non-defense discretionary spending could decimate federal housing and community development programs. In its letter, NAHRO specifically stated “so no more harm comes to low-income Americans, the Committee must consider expenditures beyond non-defense discretionary spending and include significant revenue increases in any agreement.”

To read the full text of the letter please go here http://www.nahro.org/nahros-letter-joint-select-committee-deficit-reduction-090611

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The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, established in 1933, is a membership organization of over 20,000 housing and community development agencies and professionals throughout the United States whose mission is to create affordable housing and safe, viable communities that enhance
the quality of life for all Americans, especially those of low- and moderate-income. NAHRO’s membership administers more than 3 million housing units for 7.6 million people.