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OFFICE OF HOUSING

Dear Recovery Act Funding Recipient:

We have now just completed the initial round of reporting required under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), and I want to take this opportunity to thank those who submitted reports as well as those who attempted to report but were unsuccessful. I recognize that the process has involved a lot of effort on your part, and at times has been very challenging.

As you may know, since the enactment of ARRA, there has been considerable discussion about whether the Section 8 program could be exempted from reporting requirements because of the unique nature of the funds as “payments to individuals.” After reviewing the Department and stakeholder’s arguments and the reports submitted by project owners in October, the Office of Management and Budget has decided to grant the exemption effective immediately. This exemption means that you will not be required to submit data on the use of Recovery Act funding through [FederalReporting.gov](http://FederalReporting.gov), and that you will not be penalized if you were unable to report in October.

I regret that a decision could not have been reached earlier, but in a very real sense, the information you submitted last month was a crucial factor in helping the Administration to understand the nature of the program. I am very appreciative we were able to reach an official conclusion that an exemption was warranted.

Thank you for all of your efforts in making a difference.

Sincerely,

Carol J. Galante  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
Multifamily Housing Programs