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Honorable Barney Frank, Chairperson
Honorable Maxine Waters, Ranking Member,
Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Financial Services
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Frank and Waters:

I am happy to accept the invitation contained in your letter of February 7, 2007 to participate in the HOPE VI Roundtable on February 13, 2007, to submit responses to your questions, and to make other suggestions on ways to strengthen and improve the HOPE VI program.

The combined responses and suggestions of Catherine Bishop, Ted Fillette, Julie Levin, Charles Elsessor and me are submitted with this letter. These responses also represent the views of the Housing Justice Network, a national organization of attorneys and advocates for public and subsidized housing tenants. The Housing Justice Network's Proposed Amendments to Section 18 of the United States Housing Act, which contain additional suggestions to reform the public housing demolition and disposition processes, are also submitted with this letter.

I look forward to meeting with you tomorrow and discussing these important public housing issues.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (2)

- (1) Responses of Catherine Bishop, Charles Elsessor, Ted Fillette, Julie Levin and William Wilen to Questions for HOPE VI Roundtable
- (2) The Housing Justice Network's Proposed Amendments to Section 18 of the United States Housing Act

cc: Catherine Bishop, Charles Elsessor, Ted Fillette and Julie Levin