



August 1, 2025

The Honorable Jim Banks
United States Senate
303 Hart Senate Office Building
120 Constitution Av. NE
Washington, DC 20002

Via email to: David Keller - david_keller@banks.senate.gov

RE: Urgent Support Needed for Timely Section 8 Payments from Indianapolis Housing Agency

Dear Senator Banks,

On behalf of the Indiana Affordable Housing Council (IAHC), I am writing to express our deep concern regarding the ongoing delays in Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) payments from the Indianapolis Housing Agency (IHA). As you may know, IAHC represents a broad coalition of affordable housing developers, owners, and stakeholders across Indiana, many of whom rely on consistent and timely Section 8 payments to maintain housing stability for low-income Hoosiers.

Unfortunately, IHA has fallen significantly behind in its payments to property owners, creating unnecessary hardship for both housing providers and the vulnerable residents they serve. These delays threaten the viability of many affordable housing units, jeopardizing housing for families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities who depend on the Housing Choice Voucher program to live in safe, decent homes.

IAHC members are proud to participate in the Section 8 program and are committed to expanding access to affordable housing in Indiana. However, the financial uncertainty caused by these payment delays places the housing security of thousands of residents at serious risk. There are IAHC members that are owed over \$2 million in payments.

We respectfully request your assistance in addressing this urgent matter. Specifically, we ask that you:



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- Engage directly with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assess the extent of operational challenges at IHA.
 - Encourage HUD to take swift and decisive action to ensure all backlogged payments are processed immediately.
 - Support long-term solutions to improve IHA's administrative capacity and ensure the reliability of voucher payment systems.

We appreciate your leadership and your support for policies that ensure all Hoosiers have access to safe and affordable housing. We urge you to treat this matter with urgency and help safeguard the integrity of a program that is vital to Indiana's housing ecosystem.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can provide further information or be a resource as you consider potential interventions. I may be reached at escott@kittleproperties.com or 317-663-6824.

Sincerely,

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Board President

Cc: Mark Shublak, Taft