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THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
BRONX COUNTY

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The Honorable Zohran K. Mamdani
Mayor of the City of New York
Office of the Mayor, City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Mamdani:

I write to urge your administration to act now to protect the more than 5,200 households with NYCHA-administered Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) who are at risk of losing their homes when federal subsidy payments end later this year. This crisis lands hardest in the borough I serve; nearly half of these households — 2,493 as of January — live in the Bronx.

The EHV program was created in 2021 to move the New Yorkers most vulnerable to housing instability into safe, permanent homes, and it worked. Citywide, the NYCHA EHV households now at risk include 1,144 domestic violence survivors and 600 runaway and homeless youth. But the federal government announced that the program would run out of funding years ahead of schedule, and these families received notice that their subsidies cannot continue beyond the end of 2026.

NYCHA is working to soften the blow, offering transfers to roughly 700 PACT apartments and awaiting HUD approval to move 1,700 households to HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance. But even if both efforts are fully realized, close to 3,000 NYCHA EHV households will still have no path to remain housed. The strain is already spreading: NYCHA has paused issuing regular Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers — including referrals from my office and the New York City Police Department for crime victims and domestic violence survivors.

As District Attorney, I see every day that stable housing is public safety. My Office has made supporting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse a priority, because we know what happens when that support fails: survivors are forced to choose between homelessness and returning to the person who harmed them.

The City has a proven tool to prevent this catastrophe: CityFHEPS. I urge you to extend CityFHEPS eligibility to NYCHA EHV households so these families can remain safely in their homes. Our constituents did everything right. They should not lose their homes because Washington walked away.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. My Office stands ready to work with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darcel D. Clark", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Darcel D. Clark
Bronx District Attorney

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