

United States House of Representatives
Committee on Financial Services
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The Honorable Roy A. Bernardi
Acting Secretary
The Department of Housing and Urban Development
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write to request that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provide the Committee on Financial Services with current data on the status of nation's Public Housing stock. Please provide the Committee with information on the following:

1. How many applications, representing how many public housing units, has HUD approved to date for demolition or disposition since 2000? Please identify the location of these units as well as the housing authorities that made these requests. How many units which were affordable to extremely low- and very low-income people were rebuilt or are planned to be rebuilt, from these applications? How many units which were rebuilt or are planned to be rebuilt are within the same area at the demolished units?
2. How many additional applications for demolition or disposition, representing how many units, have been submitted and are pending a decision by HUD? Where are these units located?
3. Since 2000, on average how many applications, representing how many public housing units, does HUD approve for demolition and for disposition? On average, what percentage of received applications for demolition or disposition does HUD reject?
4. Please provide information on the relocation of residents from projects that have been demolished or disposed. Indicate to what type of housing residents are typically moved to following relocation (i.e. Section 8 tenant protection voucher, public housing etc).
5. Since 2000, what have been the occupancy rates of public housing properties approved to date for demolition or disposition? For each property, please list its occupancy rate prior to demolition or disposition, location, and administering housing authority.
6. Please provide an estimate of unmet capital needs at each project for which an application for demolition or disposition was approved since 2000.

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As you know, public housing is a vital resource, serving those households with the greatest housing needs. It is essential that we do all that we can to preserve the existing public housing stock and ensure that low- to extremely-low income families have a place to live.

We appreciate your prompt consideration of this request and look forward to your responses.



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