



July 30, 2010

The Honorable Shaun Donovan  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20410

**Sent Via Facsimile (202) 708-2476  
and Regular Mail**

Dear Secretary Donovan:

The Housing Justice Network is an association of more than 700 advocates from housing legal services, housing advocacy and tenant organizations. On May 3, 2010, we sent a letter (enclosed), providing you with our collective feedback regarding the Transformation of Rental Assistance (TRA) initiative, prior to the release of a draft bill.

On May 11, 2010, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) cleared a version of the Preservation, Enhancement, and Transformation of Rental Assistance Act of 2010 (PETRA). We submit this letter as a follow up to our prior letter, informed now by the specific provisions included in the draft bill.

While the draft bill addressed some of the issues raised in our May 3 letter, a number of others about which we had previously raised concerns remain. Enclosed is a document that provides a bullet-point list of our collective recommendations for improving the draft bill.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of our recommendations and look forward to future engagement with you regarding PETRA. We would kindly request that you contact James (Mac) McCreight, Greater Boston Legal Services, 197 Friend St., Boston, MA, 02114, (617) 603-1652 ([mmccreight@gbls.org](mailto:mmccreight@gbls.org)), with any response. We would also welcome the opportunity for representatives of HJN to meet with you to further discuss these issues.

Sincerely,

Housing Justice Network

Cc: Interested public housing, multifamily housing and Section 8 voucher residents  
Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing  
Barbara Sard, Senior Advisor for Rental Assistance  
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