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The Honorable Eric H. Holder Jr.
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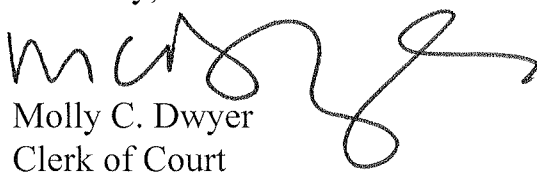
Attorney General:

We inform the Attorney General of the United States of a challenge to a federal regulation raised in a pending appeal to which the United States is not a party. The case is *Barrientos v. 1801-1825 Morton LLC*, Ninth Circuit docket number 07-56697. The federal regulation, issued by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), may be found at 24 C.F.R. § 982.310. We invite the United States, on behalf of HUD, to submit its views as amicus curiae on the following question:

Do local eviction controls, such as the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance, L.A. Mun. Code section 151.09A, pose an obstacle to the accomplishment and execution of the full purposes and objectives of HUD’s definition of “good cause” to terminate assisted tenancies as including the desire to raise rents, set forth in 24 C.F.R. § 982.310(d)(iv)?

Please respond in writing within 21 days.

Sincerely,


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