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The Honorable Maxine Waters  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2344 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Waters,

I am pleased to inform you that the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) supports Title I, the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative authorization language, in H.R. 762, the Public Housing Reinvestment and Tenant Protection Act of 2011. The Choice Neighborhoods Initiative language expands the HOPE VI program beyond public housing by including assisted and private distressed housing as eligible projects for funding and allowing public, private, and non-profit partners to become eligible grant recipients.

NAHMA's mission is to promote development and preservation of quality affordable multifamily housing by advancing legislative and regulatory policy, and preparing affordable housing professionals to succeed in evolving economic and political environments. Our members are property owners and managers, industry stakeholders, and providers of goods and services to the affordable housing industry.

The Choice Neighborhoods Initiative is a positive step forward in the Federal government's community revitalization efforts. Our members are very interested in using the tools provided by this authorizing language to revitalize local neighborhoods with extreme poverty.

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter. Please let us know how we can be of further assistance in moving this initiative forward. We look forward to continuing our work with you on affordable rental housing issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristina Cook".

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