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Ms. Ann Aldrich
Executive Secretariat
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Room 10139
451 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20410-3000

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Section 8 HAP Payments - Partially Assisted Note Sale**

Dear Ms. Aldrich:

We understand that HUD has made Section 8 HAP payments directly to the Equity Investor (Arcor) in HUD's Partially Assisted Note Sale. We are unaware of what authority HUD would be making such payments under.

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, please provide us with all documentation authorizing HUD to make section 8 HAP payments directly to lenders (other than HUD or federal state or local contract administrators), as well as documentation identifying all instances where this has occurred..

It is common knowledge that the increasing section 8 burden is the biggest problem facing HUD today. This FOIA request is for information relating to the administration of section 8 funds. As such, releasing the requested information to us is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, and is not primarily of a commercial interest. Considering this, we request a waiver of all fees relating to this request.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (301) 469-3422.

Very truly yours,
ERVIN and ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

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