

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Shaun Donovan
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Donovan,

On April 24, 2013 the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) announced a planned reorganization of its field offices that will result in a 33-person reduction in force at the Greensboro Multifamily Hub in Greensboro, NC. I am deeply concerned about the impact that this decision could have on middle-class families, the elderly, the disabled, HUD employees and many others in North Carolina.

Currently, HUD’s Greensboro Multifamily Hub processes applications for vital multifamily housing projects in North Carolina that are designed to increase the supply of high-quality and reasonably priced rental housing for middle-income families, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and many others. Prior to a project’s approval, sponsors often meet with HUD Multifamily Hub employees to determine feasibility of a particular project. HUD employees remain engaged with investors, builders, developers and others throughout the complex closing process.

Employees at HUD’s Multifamily Hub possess direct knowledge of North Carolina and are best situated to evaluate project applications and participate in closings. I am concerned that a reorganization that moves North Carolina employees to another state could lead to a drain of local knowledge and delays in the project approval process.

I am also concerned about the impact that this decision will have on North Carolina families who are currently employed at the Greensboro Multifamily Hub. HUD’s employees affected by this change would be forced to relocate to another state or take retirement before they are ready.

I would urge HUD to reconsider its decision and to give careful consideration to the impact this change could have on the ability of HUD to serve middle-class families, the elderly and the disabled in North Carolina.

Sincerely,



Kay R. Hagan
United States Senator