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July 6, 2017

[YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REP NAME & ADDRESS]

Cc: Ben Carson, HUD Secretary

Dear [Congressional Rep Name]

We are taking to the streets today declaring the severity of the current housing crisis and calling on you to join us in demanding that Congress not only stop all cuts but also fully fund HUD and ensure a permanently affordable home to every family in Atlanta and across the country who are in dire need.

As you know, half of all renters in this country are cost burdened paying over 30% of their income to housing. For Atlanta the percentage is even higher. This is over 21 million renter households. 1 in 4 of these households pay over half of their income to housing, leaving no money left over for basic needs like food or childcare.

70% (7 out of every 10) families that are extremely low income making less than 30% ami do NOT have access to affordable housing.

With these facts and the suffering millions experience everyday, we urge you to call upon the current administration and Congress to do what is moral and right -- fully fund HUD and expand the woefully inadequate stock of affordable housing. The private market has failed to meet our housing needs and to say the private market will address the problems moving forward we know is a myth.

We who are currently in HUD subsidized housing are in jeopardy of losing our homes and becoming homeless if the HUD budget is cut. We everyday experience the effects of the previous HUD cuts, including the rampant disrepair and failure to properly maintain our units and buildings.

If the \$6 billion the current administration is advocating for is cut. Thousands will be made homeless in our city. Atlanta will lose \$37,096,761 affecting 7,396 households.

We represent thousands of families, seniors and individuals across this country. We are taking to the streets today and will continue to do whatever it takes until you, the administration and Congress ensure that HUD and the National Housing Trust Fund are fully funded so that everyone lives in an high quality, affordable home with no fear of displacement.

Sincerely,

Organization / Your Name Your Address / Organization Address

Homes For All Campaign No Cuts Coalition