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Landlords:

The government shutdown has affected the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which allocates funding for Public Housing Authorities, including LMHA. The lack of funding will begin to impact the Housing Choice Voucher Program at the end of February. LMHA has funding through February 2019.

Regarding rents, the shutdown should not impact or change the tenant's direct obligation to you. It will, however, likely delay receiving your HAP payment. Part C of the HAP Contract prohibits landlords from terminating assisted tenancies in the HCV program due to the nonpayment of the HAP.

As this is not the tenant's fault, LMHA asks for your patience and cooperation.

For your information, LMHA is in the process of developing a contingency plan in the event the government shutdown extends beyond February. LMHA will keep all affected parties posted in the coming days regarding next steps. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact Demetria Simpson @ 419-259-9457.

You are welcome to contact your Senator and local representative in Congress:

- Senator Sherrod Brown (614)469-2083 or (202)224-2315
- Senator Rob Portman (216)522-7095 or (202)224-3353
- Robert Latta (419)354-8700 or (202)225-6405
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