

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 18, 2017

The Honorable Sonny Perdue  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue,

We write today to bring to your attention an issue that would put at risk for displacement on 119 low-income, rural California residents residing in United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Section 515 rental housing properties.

As you may be aware, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has confirmed that there are 23 Section 515 rental housing developments across this state in which some or all of the residents receive a deep rental subsidy from HCD that was funded by the state through a one-time appropriation in the early 1980s. HCD projects that this funding will run out by August 31, 2018, unless steps are taken to reverse the potential impact on these families.

A funding lapse would put 119 households in these properties are at risk of steep rent increases and possible displacement from their homes. Many of these households are seniors, people with disabilities, or families with children. This rental subsidy helps keep their rents at no more than 30 percent of household income level.

It has been brought to our attention that USDA has approximately \$40 million left over from Fiscal Year 2017. For these reasons, we urge you to direct your Department to reallocate existing Section 521 rental assistance to these households. Enclosed for your review is a list of the Section 515 properties in California that we are currently aware of that will be affected. We appreciate your attention to this very important issue.

We must do all we can do to ensure that these families will continue to receive the assistance they need. We ask that you respond to our concerns laid out in this letter by January 19, 2018. Thank you for giving our concerns your prompt consideration. We look forward to your response and working with you to address this important issue.

Sincerely,

  
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Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

  
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Kamala Harris  
United States Senator

**List of Section 515 Properties Affected by the Loss of HCD Rental Assistance  
in California**

	<b>Property Name</b>	<b>City</b>
1	Parkside	Lake Elsinore
2	Mount Whitney	Lone Pine
3	Sunset Village Apartments	Joshua Tree
4	Waterford Garden Apartments	Waterford
5	Orland Arbor	Orland
6	Orland Manor	Orland
7	Woodcreek	Fortuna
8	Holly Heights	Willits
9	Golden Manor	McKinleyville
10	Redwood Court	Fortuna
11	Fitch Mountain Terrace	Healdsburg
12	Pine Meadows	Chester
13	Quincy Gardens	Quincy
14	Shasta View	Mt. Shasta
15	Lakeport Village	Lakeport
16	Tehachapi Senior Manor	Tehachapi
17	Tunnel Street	Placerville
18	Oakhurst Apartments	Oakhurst
19	Villa Rosa	Wasco
20	Ruby Court	Fowler
21	Lemoore Mountain View	Lemoore
22	Villa Del Este	Calexico
23	Cottonwood Creek	Calipatria