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Dear Acting Secretary Todman and Director Schmidt:

I write to express concerns regarding the current living conditions of the Carriage House Apartments located at 135 West Old Street, Petersburg, VA 23803.

Local reports and resident complaints underscore several persistent problems, including poor maintenance, security lapses, and health hazards within the apartment complex. These issues have not only affected the quality of life for residents but raised questions about the management company's ability to provide a safe and secure living environment. Given that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is under a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract with Carriage House Apartments, I respectfully request HUD take immediate action to ensure decent, safe, and sanitary conditions for all residents.

Specifically, I request HUD continue working with Envolve Communities, the management company of Carriage House Apartments, to ensure the following:

- 1. **Health and Safety Inspections**: Conduct thorough inspections of the property to identify and address any health and safety hazards. This includes ensuring that all necessary repairs and maintenance work are completed promptly.
- 2. **Enhanced Security Measures**: Implement enhanced security measures to protect residents from any potential threats and to provide a secure living environment.
- 3. **Compliance with Housing Standards**: Ensure that the management company adheres to all federal housing standards and regulations, particularly those designed to protect seniors.
- 4. **Resident Support and Communication**: Facilitate regular communication between HUD, the management company, and the residents to keep them informed about ongoing efforts to improve their living conditions and to address any concerns they may have.

Given the vulnerable demographic and the severity of reported issues, I appreciate HUD's willingness to work with my office to address the issues residents face. I am confident that

HUD's continued intervention can lead to significant improvements in their living conditions. The well-being of the residents at Carriage House Apartments is of paramount importance.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and to seeing positive changes at Carriage House Apartments.

Sincerely, Aenulu R. Mechee

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