

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION ENDORSING ACTION IN RESPONSE TO CHANGES TO THE FEDERAL HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has a long history of addressing affordable housing issues in the Washington metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, COG's Human Services Policy Committee created the Regional Housing Choice Voucher Directors Committee to discuss issues and provide information related to the federal Housing Choice Voucher program; and

WHEREAS, local housing agencies provide housing assistance to more than 27,000 of the region's low-income households; and

WHEREAS, recent and proposed changes to the federal Housing Choice Voucher program threaten the housing stability of many of the families served by the program in the metropolitan Washington region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

1. The Board expresses its concern regarding the negative effects the program changes will have on local low-income families' ability to afford housing in the region and urges HUD to reverse changes already made;
2. The Board adopts the regional response to the issue attached to this resolution; and
3. The Board directs COG staff to submit the regional response to HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson as well as the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia Congressional delegations.
