



OFFICE of
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

June 12, 2025

The Honorable French Hill
Chairman
United States House of Representatives
Committee on Financial Services

Dear Chairman Hill,

I am writing to confirm receipt of your June 3, 2025, letter regarding your continued concerns about the Little Rock Housing Authority.

During my April 8, 2025, testimony before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, I noted the significant challenges HUD faces in overseeing troubled housing authorities.¹ Engaging closely with housing authorities before they become substandard is of critical importance because it is very difficult to recover from a troubled status. HUD generally views receivership as a last resort because it is a resource-intensive recovery process, and both HUD and the troubled housing authority often lack the immediate means to address the physical and financial needs of the properties.

My office is actively assessing the concerns you raised in your letter, as well as the concerns you raised during the April 2025 hearing regarding unit conditions at the Authority. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss your concerns as we continue our assessment. In the interim, your staff may contact Chris Fontanesi, Acting Chief of Staff, at cfontanesi@hudoig.gov, should there be additional information you believe relevant to our consideration of the issue.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Begg
Acting Inspector General

¹ House Financial Services Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing titled “Decades of Dysfunction: Restoring Accountability at HUD”, April 8, 2025.



CC: Representative Maxine Waters, Ranking Member, House Committee on Financial Services