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Dear Landlords and Community Partners,

As the U.S. government shutdown is now underway, I wanted to let you know the impact the shutdown will have on the Fresno Housing Authority and the partnership we have with you.

The Fresno Housing Authority fully intends, to the best of our ability, to continue the core operations of providing services to our residents, landlords and public partners. However, HUD may be unable to authorize normal funding distributions to Housing Authorities due to the suspension of operations at the Federal level. While funding distributions will be released once legislation is adopted, there may be a need to utilize short-term alternatives to essentially "cover" the funds held in suspense due to the federal closure.

HUD has provided the majority of funding for all HAP (Housing Assistance Payments) that is paid to landlords for the month of October. The Fresno Housing Authority is covering the additional \$1.7million needed to fully fund all payments to landlords. All other Housing Authority activities will operate as normal during a short shut down period. If the government shutdown lasts through mid-October we will provide additional communication to our partners.

We are urging anyone who will be effected to please contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives to urge them to pass a budget and explain the impact you will experience. If you don't know who your Representative is, simply enter your zip code on this website and you will get the full details on your Representative:

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/> .

The best number to reach anyone in Congress is the Capitol switchboard: (202) 224-3121. The operator will direct you to the appropriate Congressional Office.

The Fresno Housing Authority is committed to our mission of creating and sustaining vibrant communities throughout Fresno County and we will continue to work towards that even in this difficult and uncertain time in the government.

Preston Prince,  
CEO/Executive Director