



The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge  
Secretary  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20410

RE: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

Dear Secretary Fudge:

On behalf of Nemours Children's Health, we write in support of the United States  
Department of Housing and Urban Development

and disinvestment. Low-income families with children are also disparately impacted by the lack of affordable housing in thriving communities across the U.S. People of color comprise a significant portion of the poorest families, paying more than half of their income for rent and utilities. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, over 40% (19 million) of renter households in the U.S. spent more than 30% of their income on housing costs during the 2017-2021 period, leaving too little for other necessary expenses including transportation, healthy food and medical care.

In many communities across the country, people of color, including families with children,



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