

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Janet Yellen  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Yellen,

We write to you today to highlight the need to quickly distribute relief to homeowners in need available through the Homeowner Assistance Fund. These funds are an important tool to help ensure that homeowners can remain safely and stably housed and we continue to hear from our constituents about their urgent need for this relief. Our state has now submitted its response to feedback from the Department of the Treasury on its plan to distribute these funds, and it is essential that this response is reviewed, and the plan approved, as quickly as possible so that Granite State homeowners can receive the relief that they need.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many individuals and families have struggled to make ends meet, which is why Congress has worked to provide direct relief to both struggling homeowners and renters to help ensure that they can remain in their homes. As part of these efforts, Congress created the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) which provides funds to states, territories, and tribes to distribute to struggling homeowners. These funds may be used to provide mortgage and utility assistance as well as relief for other housing related costs.

As you know, earlier this year, the Department of the Treasury provided states and other eligible entities participating in the HAF with 10% of their allocation. This initial payment could be used for planning and administrative expenses or to create or fund a pilot program. However, in order to receive their full HAF allocation, states and other eligible entities were required to submit a plan to the Department of the Treasury for approval. This plan must include information on the needs of homeowners in the jurisdiction, the design of each program to be implemented using HAF funds, performance goals, and readiness to implement the programs.

Our state submitted an initial draft HAF plan in September of this year and subsequently received feedback from the Department of the Treasury. It has now submitted a response to this feedback. We urge you to work as quickly as possible to finalize New Hampshire's HAF plan so that the state can begin to distribute funds to homeowners in need.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and your continued efforts to ensure that Granite Staters are able to remain safely and stably housed.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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United States Senator



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