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Dear Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance

My name is Jeff Tribble Sr. I am a member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Ojibwe people. I have been involved with addressing Housing issues for over 12 years as a concerned tenant of one of the H.U.D. homes here on our reserve. I have talked with many people who have concerns about the way LCO Housing has been treating tenants and how they are addressing mold issues inside their homes. There has been mold growth in my home as well as everyone else I have talked to in my community. There have been many attempts by individuals to address this health issue that doesn't have a satisfactory solution. There have been questions on how LCO Housing and some members of the Tribal Governing Board have been spending the funds that are given for H.U.D homes for any and all projects. I have questioned numerous people who I felt could contribute to obtaining information on why we are not receiving any remedies or the funding needed to address Housing issues, especially the mold. There are some people who claim they have a lot of information and evidence on how the funds were misappropriated into other projects. Because of their non-disclosure agreement with the Tribe, these people cannot however give any information to me or anyone else unless they are subpoenaed or requested to testify by a review committee. I have spoken to many people who live in the mold infested homes and asked about their health concerns. Everyone I talked with had mentioned that there has been a lot of respiratory illnesses, especially with the elders and children living in the home.

Sincerely,

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