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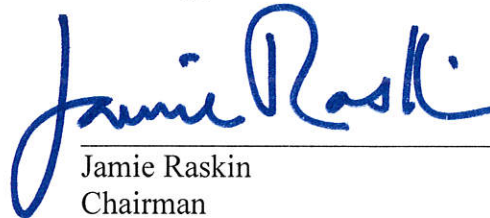
Dear Mr. Hendrix:

Enclosed are questions that have been directed to you and submitted for the official record for the hearing held by the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, "A Threat to America's Children: The Trump Administration's Proposal to Gut Fair Housing Accountability."

Please return your written responses to these questions by Friday, February 28, 2020. Your responses should be addressed to the Committee office at 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Please also send an electronic version of your response by email to Amy Stratton, Deputy Clerk, at Amy.Stratton@mail.house.gov.

If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Elisa LaNier, Chief Clerk, at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



Jamie Raskin
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Chip Roy, Ranking Member

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Questions from Ranking Member Chip Roy

February 5, 2020, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Hearing on “A Threat to America’s Children: The Trump Administration’s Proposal to Gut Fair Housing Accountability.”

1. It is my understanding that the New York Public Advocate keeps a regularly updated “Landlord Watchlist.” The list examines the number of violations in the last year in each building and calls out the worst offenders. Who is the worst offender on this list?
 - a. What violations does the NY Public Advocate include as the reason for listing the New York City Public Housing Authority as the worst landlord in New York City?
2. What kinds of issues arise when the state is acting as the landlord?
3. I think we all can agree that conditions in public housing can be poor and this can cause health issues for residents, including children. The proposed AFFH rule allows communities to identify and solve barriers to affordability. Could a community identify fixing public housing units as a goal under their AFFH plan?
4. Are state and local governments prevented from providing additional funding to rehabilitate their public housing units? If children’s health is being impacted, why don’t more state and local governments invest their own resources in public housing units?
5. If a city wanted to resubmit their Obama-era AFFH plan to comply with the current HUD proposed rule, would the city be able to do so?
 - a. Would an Obama-era AFFH plan comply with the current HUD proposed rule?