Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is seriously concerned about fraud in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and has asked us (the PHA) to send this reminder to all families in the program. Going along with these simple rules will help you to stay in the section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and help the program run fairly and honestly. Not following these rules could result in referral of the matter for investigation and your being accused of a Federal Crime.

Whenever appropriate, we will ask you for information about your income and your family size so that we can make sure that you are paying the right rent to your landlord and that your house or apartment is the right size for your family. When we ask for this information, be sure to:

1. Let us know about all income received by members of your household and income that you expect to receive in the next year. Many people forget income from second jobs, overtime, part-time jobs and income received from child support.

2. Let us know the name of everyone expected to live in your household in the next year.

Your rent payment to your landlord must not be more than the amount in your lease that we calculated at the time of your review. If you are now paying (or if your landlord asks for) any money in addition to this payment, please report this to us immediately. We will determine if these extra payments are legal. Most of the payments are illegal and appropriate action will be taken against the landlord. We will review your case and get back to you shortly. If necessary, we will issue a voucher to move.

It is very important that you report all income and any changes in the number of people living with you. We urge you to be sure that you are meeting these responsibilities so that you will continue to receive assistance and so that this program can serve as many families as possible.