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Administrator, Rural Housing Service
USDA Rural Development
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Washington, DC 20250-0701
Re: Decoupling Section 521 Rental Assistance & Section 515 Mortgages

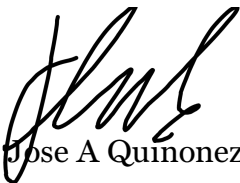
Dear Administrator Altoro,

The [Partners for Rural Transformation](#) (PRT) support the comment submitted by the [Housing Assistance Council](#) (HAC). HAC is one of PRT's national partners. They have been integral in uplifting and supporting rural housing and protecting rural renters. PRT submits this comment urging the Rural Housing Services to consider HAC's recommendations, of which, the high-level points are listed below.

1. Make Long Term Affordability Parameters a Priority
2. Consider a Pilot Program
3. Clarify the Annual Rent Increase Process
4. Establish a Plan for Units Without Rental Assistance
5. Maintain Support for the Entire Suite of Preservation Programs
6. Establish a Plan for Prepayments
7. Improve Data Transparency

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this topic, as this will maximize more affordable renting and homeownership opportunities for rural residents.

In partnership,



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