CONSORTIUM FOR CONSTITUENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Vice Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair, U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair Collins, Vice Chair Murray, Chair Cole, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

On behalf of the undersigned co-chairs of the Consortium for Constituents with Disabilities (CCD) Task Forces, we write to urge you to support a 12-month extension of all current Continuum of Care (CoC) homeless assistance grants. CCD is the largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for federal public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration, and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society, free from racism, ableism, sexism, and xenophobia, as well as LGBTQ+ based discrimination and religious intolerance.

We request that any forthcoming continuing resolution include language directing HUD to non-competitively renew all CoC grants expiring in 2027 (including Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program and Shelter Plus Care projects) for a 12-month period within 45 days of enactment. This directive will ensure continuity in funding and services for communities across the country. Without congressional action, at least 100,000 formerly homeless people – most of whom are older adults and people with disabilities – may lose their housing next year.

Litigation over HUD's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is unresolved, and uncertainty remains about potential disruptions to critical homelessness funding. If Congress does not intervene, major funding delays and gaps could destabilize households served in CoC-funded projects.

We are also extremely concerned about HUD's ongoing efforts to cut funding for permanent housing, including permanent supportive housing, in the CoC program. We are concerned as well about the de-prioritization of people with mental health disabilities and substance use disorders for permanent supportive housing.

CoC-funded supportive housing provides subsidized housing with services for people with disabilities. Over 40% of these individuals are older adults aged 55 and over. Disruptions and loss of funding for permanent housing would leave seniors and people with disabilities at risk of returning to homelessness, entering institutions, or living in unstable, unsafe living arrangements. This upending of the CoC program would disproportionately harm older and disabled people, who already face heightened risks of homelessness due to issues such as fixed incomes, inaccessible housing, and housing discrimination.

We strongly urge you to protect housing for people with disabilities by supporting a one-year renewal of current CoC grants. This renewal will ensure stability in the CoC program while litigation and administrative issues are resolved.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring that people with disabilities can stay housed and live independently, safely, and with dignity in the communities of their choice.

Sincerely,

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