



Over-Income Families Remain Targets

Three House lawmakers urge HUD Secretary Ben Carson to fully enforce a 2016 law intended to keep over-income and wealthy families out of public housing.

President Barack Obama signed the bipartisan bill -- the *Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act* -- to require public housing authorities to either evict over-income families after a two-year tenancy or raise their rent so people in need of emergency housing can move up on the lengthy waiting lists.

In a letter to Carson, Reps. Phil Roe (R-TN), David Rouzer (R-NC), and Bradley Byrne (R-AL) remind the HUD secretary of the 2016 law and a 2015 HUD inspector general report detailing families exceeding current income limits.

The IG investigation found more than 25,000 families whose income exceeded the limit and who remained in public housing in 2014. Nearly 18,000 families earned more than the qualifying amount for more than one year.

The 2016 law requires PHAs to monitor family incomes. Families exceeding 120% of the median income of the area who have lived above income limits for two years must pay fair market rent for the tenant to remain in public housing or the PHA must end the tenancy within six months of discovering the extra earnings.

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