Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 26, 2022

The Honorable Janet Yellen Secretary of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Yellen:

We write to you in reference to the State of New Hampshire's recent application for reallocation of Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funding. The ERA program has been a lifeline for thousands of Granite State families struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic, and we strongly encourage you to carefully consider the state's application for additional funds under the ERA1 and ERA2 programs.

Despite hiccups in the initial rollout and administration of the State of New Hampshire's ERA program, nearly 24,000 Granite State households have benefited from nearly \$240 million in rental relief through these critical programs, which we strongly supported in both the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and American Rescue Plan Act. However, we know from our constituents and other stakeholders that the need for this assistance persists in New Hampshire, particularly as we enter the colder months and heating costs increase.

Accordingly, we respectfully ask that you extend additional funding to New Hampshire so that the State's ERA program can continue to provide relief for Granite State families still struggling to stay stably housed, and we look forward to working with you and the State to ensure the program is successful going forward.

Sincerely,

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