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Dear Governor Baker,

In January, a new federal rental assistance program was implemented by the Department of Treasury. This program, called the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), provides renters and housing providers with access to funding to pay past due rent, current rent, and even some prospective rent. Our state received \$457,129,720.30 for this important program, designed to provide relief for struggling renters and for housing providers who have been carrying the enormous financial burden of providing housing – including making mortgage, insurance, tax, and maintenance payments without the rental income needed to support the property.

The MMHA represents the 250 community owners and operators of which accommodate over 10,000 residents.

There are over 43,000 land-lease communities across the country with an estimated 4.3 million home sites. In our state, there are approximately 10,000 manufactured home homeowners living in land-lease communities. While residents in land-lease communities may or may not own the home they are living in, they are paying lot rent to site their home in the community. Please ensure that homeowners and renters who live in land-lease communities are eligible to receive ERAP money to pay for their site lot rent and continue to have a safe place to call home.

Massachusetts Manufactured Housing Association stands ready to work with you to ensure that the COVID-19 crisis does not turn into a housing crisis by immediately utilizing federal funds to provide dedicated and swift rental assistance to renters and landlords.

Sincerely,

Melissa Caron, Executive Director