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Advocating quality affordable housing development, ownership, management and investment in Maryland

ACTION ALERT

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We have a great opportunity to perhaps be included in the Governor’s jobs package which is likely to be the cornerstone of his 2013 budget. At a time when we have just received word that DHCD was able to fund only 3 rental housing projects out of 30, and won’t have another funding round for almost another year, we know our industry is in big trouble. This is coupled with reductions in critical gap funding sources such as HOME and CDBG. It is urgent that we aggressively pursue new revenue sources and maintain level funding for existing DHCD rental housing programs. We must make our voices heard and our needs known to Governor O’Malley as he develops his FY2013 budget. Remember the legislature can only cut the budget, not add to it-- so it is now or never!

MAHC has a proposal to include a \$25 million Jobs Housing Initiative (JHI) as part of the expected Jobs Bill to be introduced by Governor O’Malley – click on <http://www.mdahc.org/news.html>. In addition to the new funding, we are also advocating for level FY2013 funding for existing DHCD administered rental housing programs.

Right now, YOUR support for these priorities is needed- via letter, fax or email- to ensure that our Jobs Housing Initiative is part of the Jobs Bill and that current State Rental Housing Funds are preserved. A sample letter is provided for your convenience, use it or modify it-- but please email, fax or send your letter to Governor Martin O’Malley by Wednesday, December 14th.

Attachments: Sample Letter

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