

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Scott Turner
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street SW
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Turner,

We write to you today to express our deep concern with the potential closure of the Buffalo HUD field office. HUD offices provide essential housing assistance, fair housing enforcement, and community development resources that our constituents depend on. Without these offices, many vulnerable individuals and families may struggle to navigate complex housing programs and face an increased risk of housing instability.

The Buffalo HUD field office is one of three New York field offices and the only one in Western New York. Closing this office would create significant barriers to accessing in-person support and resources that our constituents rely on, particularly seniors and individuals with disabilities. With the only other offices located in Albany, NY and New York City, you would be leaving thousands of our constituents without readily available access to a HUD field office.

At a time when millions of Americans are already struggling with housing access and affordability, now is not the time to further restrict their access to critical housing resources such as mortgage assistance and foreclosure prevention, disaster recovery assistance, public housing assistance, and affordable housing development.

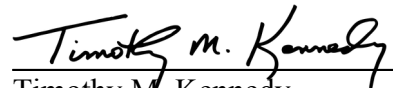
We strongly urge you to prioritize the continued operation of this office and allow it to continue to provide high quality support to our constituents. Closing this office would not only disrupt services, but it would also leave our constituents without access to vital housing resources. We respectfully request that you consider the far-reaching implications of closing this office and take the necessary steps to maintain and strengthen HUD's commitment to our constituents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Joseph D. Morelle
Member of Congress



Timothy M. Kennedy
Member of Congress