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To: Westbrook Housing Tenants
From: Christopher LaRoche, Executive Director

RE: COVID-19 Epidemic Rent Payment Plans and Cancellation of Rent Increases.

Everyone of us in the United States of America is adversely affected by the COVID-19 epidemic. This time of emergency is cause for much stress and anxiety among every household across the nation. This is especially so for families who are now temporarily or permanently unemployed. For those households who have fixed income from Social Security or SSDI, the Federal Government is fully operational, and your income will continue to be deposited into your accounts.

Unemployment Benefits are expanded, and Tax Credit Checks will be sent from the Federal Government. These forms of government assistance are on the way but may take a few weeks to get into everyone’s bank accounts. Once the federal checks and unemployment is available to families it will help in your ability to purchase food, medicine, and pay rent.

Westbrook Housing’s staff understands that some families will not be able to pay their rent in part or in full during this crisis that has resulted in this period of temporary work shut down and mandatory stay at home order from the Governor.

We want to help you. If you cannot pay your rent, we will immediately assist you to help you with a Rent Repayment Plan. Attached is a letter from your Property Manager that will provide you guidance in obtaining help with your rent.

Also, Effective Immediately, all non-Section 8 scheduled 2020 Rent Increases that would have been effective as of APRIL 1st, 2020 will be suspended through the COVID19 crisis. If you do receive HUD Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher assistance and have experience a loss of income, contact your Program Officer immediately for added HUD HCV rent payment benefits.

Sincerely,

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