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3/5 11:30 AM: Affordable Housing Activists Protest HUD, Demand Housing Justice for All

Amidst Growing Nationwide Housing Crisis, Groups Protest HUD's Attacks on Housing

***** Advocates and people affected by homelessness and housing insecurity from across the country are available for interviews. To RSVP to the action or book, contact cabot@megaphonestrategies.com *****

Washington, DC -- Tenants, housing advocates, and people affected by homelessness and housing insecurity are planning a protest outside the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on March 5th in response to continued efforts to dismantle affordable housing protections and attacks on low-income people and communities of color.

Organizers of the protest -- which include groups working to protect and expand affordable housing in rural, suburban, and urban areas across the country -- will demand action on affordable housing and roll out a bold vision for housing justice. The comprehensive housing platform will propose a path forward after Donald Trump to the housing crisis now affecting the majority of Americans.

WHO: Dozens of tenants, housing advocates, people affected by homelessness and housing insecurity.

WHAT: Protest demanding HUD withdraw damaging budget and regulatory proposals and work to advance affordable housing, followed by release of comprehensive housing solutions platform.

WHERE: HUD Office, 451 7th St SW, Washington, DC 20410

WHEN: Thursday, March 5 at 11:30 am EST

Key Facts on the US Housing Crisis:

- Nearly 40 million families are being charged more than 30% of their income just to keep a roof over their heads and over 10 million people are charged over 50%;

- More than 500,000 people currently homeless;
- Minimum wage in every county in America is too low to afford a two bedroom apartment.
- The housing crisis is a racial justice issue:
 - African American homeownership rates are at a 50 year low as redlining and housing discrimination continue;
 - Black families have less than 10% of the wealth of white families, while Latino families have just 14%.
- In response, a powerful and growing housing justice movement is securing major advances across the country

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Participating groups include:

Alliance for Housing Justice, Center for Popular Democracy, Manufactured Home Action, Partnership for Working Families, People's Action, Right to the City Alliance, PolicyLink; EBASE, Oakland/Concord, CA; Stand Up Nashville; United for a New Economy, Denver; Puget Sound SAGE, Seattle; Georgia StandUp, Atlanta; Pittsburgh United; Pittsburghers for Public Transit; ONE DC, Washington, DC; Tenants Together, CA; Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco; Ironbound CC, Newark; City-Wide Tenants Union, Rochester, NY; Miami Workers' Center, Miami, FL; Manufactured Home Action, Utah, Delaware, Florida, Michigan, Iowa, California; New York Communities for Change; ONE PA, Pittsburgh/Philadelphia; ACTION NC, Charlotte; Make the Road Nevada, Las Vegas; Organize Florida, Orlando; KOCO/Lift the Ban, Chicago; ACCE, Los Angeles/Bay Area; Jane Addams Senior Caucus, Chicago; ONE Northside, Chicago; Community Voices Heard, New York City/Hudson Valley; Reclaim Philly; POWER, Los Angeles; PUSH Buffalo; Public Advocates, California; Upstate Downstate Housing Alliance, Statewide, NY