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Dear Ms. Wright McPeak:

On behalf of Secretary Donovan, thank you for your letter of August 16, 2010, in which you advocate that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) work to promote access to broad band in assisted housing. I am happy to report that this is a priority for the Administration.

In HUD's Strategic Plan for 2010 to 2015, one of the goals is to "utilize HUD assistance to improve educational outcomes and early learning and development." One of the strategies for achieving this goal is to "increase access to broadband Internet and other technology."

To this end, HUD has recently completed a survey of assisted housing developments to identify the extent to which they have access to broadband. And HUD is currently working with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to get more computers and better access to broadband to residents of assisted housing.

Thank you again for your interest in this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Neary".

Kevin Neary,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research,
Evaluation, and Monitoring

cc: Lynn Jacobs