

## **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE** OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU Governor

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The Honorable Wally Adeyemo Deputy Secretary of the Treasury U.S. Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Deputy Secretary Adeyemo:

I am writing in follow up to our meeting earlier this week in Washington, D.C. and your assurance that funds under ARPA, such as the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, would be flexible and would move quickly.

As you may be aware, the State of New Hampshire has been effectively running its Emergency Rental Program. In anticipation of depleting the first tranche of ERA 2, on December 30, 2021, New Hampshire's Department of Treasury submitted the necessary documentation to formally request its remaining ERA 2 funds. On January 3, 2022, U.S. Treasury asked the State for a minor adjustment to its request, which the State provided later that same day, requesting its remaining ERA allocation in the amount of \$69,263,260.68.

Since that time, New Hampshire has received no additional correspondence on the request, no confirmation of the request, and no indication of when it will receive this funding. The State has contacted Treasury multiple times, both through the contact provided for the ERA program and individual contacts at Treasury. The State has not received any response.

The situation is now critical. If New Hampshire does not immediately receive its remaining ERA 2 allocation, the State will need to cease funding grants for those households only eligible for ERA 2, threatening the housing stability of those families in need.

I am writing to ask you to take immediate action and provide the remaining ERA 2 allocation to New Hampshire so it may continue this program.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sununu Governor of New Hampshire

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