

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

In the Matter of:

SARAH WILLIAMS,

Petitioner.

Docket No. 24-VH-0032-AG-025
(Claim No. 721018653)

May 29, 2026

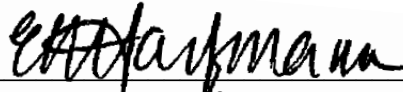
DISMISSAL ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon Petitioner's request for a hearing concerning the intent of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") to garnish Petitioner's wages to collect a debt allegedly owed to HUD.

On May 28, 2026, HUD filed the *Secretary's Motion to Dismiss*. HUD states that its Financial Operations Center has confirmed that Petitioner was terminated from her place of employment on December 18, 2025. A federal agency "may not garnish the wages of a debtor who it knows has been involuntarily separated from employment until the debtor has been reemployed continuously for at least 12 months." 31 C.F.R. § 285.11(j). Accordingly, while HUD maintains that Petitioner's debt is past due and legally enforceable, HUD seeks to dismiss its wage garnishment proceeding against Petitioner at this time. However, HUD requests that the dismissal be without prejudice, stating that it reserves the right to seek collection of the subject debt through alternate means, such as administrative offset, and that it may resume administrative wage garnishment activities in the future should Petitioner resume employment.

For good cause shown, HUD's motion is **GRANTED** and this matter is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

SO ORDERED,



Elizabeth N. Hauffmann
Administrative Judge