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Mr. Daniel J. Wuenschel
Executive Director
Cambridge Housing Authority
675 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Moving to Work (MTW) Agreement

Thank you for your request for an extension of the Cambridge Housing Authority's (CHA) participation in the Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration Program. According to your request, the circumstances in your community are such that an extension is important for program success.

Because of the acute housing shortage in Cambridge, the CHA has had to undertake measures with longer lead time than anticipated, related to initiatives such as acquisition/development and project-based leased housing development. In addition, the CHA has implemented several changes that will take longer than five years to fully implement and evaluate. These include time limits on ceiling rents and a transfer surcharge as well as the CHA's Development Choice initiative. Given the CHA's low turnover rate, it will be difficult to see any trends in demographic data, resident satisfaction or policy effects on these public housing communities within five years.

Due to these considerations, I am extending the term of CHA's MTW Agreement with HUD through March 31, 2006. To indicate your agreement with this extension, please countersign it in the space provided below and return it to me. Good luck with your program. HUD looks forward to seeing the results.

Sincerely,

Harold Lucas
Assistant Secretary

Agreed:

Daniel J. Wuenschel

Date

1/19/2001