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**Re: Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB 2012 Rental
Housing Finance Survey (RHFS)**

Docket No. FR-5480-N-35

Dear Sir/Madam

The National Low Income Housing Coalition supports the information collection requirement for the Rental Housing Finance Survey. No similar source, public or private, is available. The survey will offer comprehensive data on how rental housing projects are financed in this country, from their access to private capital to the role of federal housing programs, and how project financing relates to the costs, taxes and rents these projects face in the market. While these data are generally needed, they are desperately needed today as we try to get a picture of housing markets changed by the real estate crash, the recession, and the rapid increase in the number and share of renter households in the past four years.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Census Bureau have worked closely with us and representatives of industry and researchers in preparing the survey methodology and instrument to make certain it gathers truly useful information and is not unduly burdensome.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments and our support for this information collection activity.

Sincerely,

Sheila Crowley

President/CEO

Dedicated solely to achieving socially just public policy that assures people with the lowest incomes in the United States have affordable and decent homes.

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