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Mr. Philip Tegeler  
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Dear Mr. Tegeler:

Thank you for your email correspondence of January 19, 2016 in response to the information collection request that was announced in the Federal Register, Volume 80, page 72097, on November 18, 2015. Specifically, your comments expressed two concerns. The first concern was related to the data elements to be recorded in light of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Final Rule published July 16, 2015. The second concern was related to enhanced transparency of PHA activities in light of the community engagement requirements of the final AFFH rule.

The Department has addressed your first concern with the revision of the PHA Plan templates. A new section has been added requiring PHA's to simply provide a statement on strategies and actions for implementation of the goals and priorities as outlined in an approved Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). However, to continue the effort at streamlining and reducing PHA burden, HUD has respectfully declined your request to re-introduce the full list of PHA policy documents as part of the PHA Plan process. Also, the Department will not require that PHA's list all fair housing goals in the PHA Plan that were identified in the local entitlement jurisdictions' most recent AI or AFH when applicable, since this is not a statutory mandate under the AFFH Final Rule.

If you have any questions, please contact Bernita James, Program Analyst, at (202) 402-7169 or [Bernia.C.James@hud.gov](mailto:Bernia.C.James@hud.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milan Ozdinec", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Milan Ozdinec  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
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