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Dear Mr. Ross:

The House Committee on Financial Services (Committee) writes with concern regarding the significant evidence of criminal wrongdoing that occurred at the Little Rock Housing Authority, doing business as the Metropolitan Housing Alliance (MHA). As part of its work to ensure the quality and safety of public housing, the Committee has highlighted how former MHA officials engaged in a pattern of self-dealing, nepotism, and theft of taxpayer dollars. Specifically, documents and testimony presented to the Committee suggest that Leta Anthony and Kenyon Lowe, former Commissioners on MHA's Board of Commissioners, engaged in unlawful conduct from at least 2018 through their removal in 2023. Other former Commissioners and MHA employees may have also been complicit in the wrongdoing.

The scale of the former MHA Commissioners' financial indiscretions is difficult to estimate given that MHA failed to maintain requisite financial documentation.<sup>1</sup> However, in MHA's voucher programs alone, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) identified nearly \$30 million in questionable or disallowed costs, debts, or expenditures.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, HUD's Office of Inspector General (OIG) also identified \$1.9 million in expenses in MHA's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) project that could not be properly accounted for.<sup>3</sup> In total, the documents and testimony presented to the Committee allege that at least \$896,605 worth of MHA's resources were misused by the Commissioners either in a personal or professional capacity, including potentially as much as \$198,605 in payments and benefits issued directly to the Commissioners.<sup>4</sup> Further, the Committee has identified nearly \$1.5 million in

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. DEP'T OF HOUS. & URBAN DEV., QAD-FMR-MOR-2023-AR004, REPORT: HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, 2 (2023) [hereinafter "2023 HUD Report"].

<sup>2</sup> 2023 HUD Report, *supra* note 1.

<sup>3</sup> INSPECTOR GEN., U.S. DEP'T OF HOUS. & URBAN DEV. 2019-FW-1001, LITTLE ROCK HOUSING AUTHORITY RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM, 6-7 (2019) [hereinafter "2019 HUD OIG Report"].

<sup>4</sup> Cumulating figures from 2023 HUD Report, *supra* note 1; 2019 HUD OIG Report, *supra* note 3; *Broken Promises: Failures of the Little Rock Housing Authority: Hearing Before the H. Comm. On Financial Serv.*, 119th Cong. (2026) [hereinafter "2026 House Financial Services Hearing"] (statement of Dr. Nadine Jarmon, Executive Director, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a the Metropolitan Housing Alliance); *Issues Experienced by Staff*,

contracts the Commissioners allegedly unlawfully steered.<sup>5</sup> Although testimony and documents cite specific examples of the former Commissioners' alleged unlawful conduct, it is likely that the dollar values referenced above represent only a small portion of the Commissioners' potentially criminal activity.<sup>6</sup> Additionally, the Committee has concerns that around 2018, when MHA's and its non-profit affiliate's, the Central Arkansas Housing Corporation (CAHC), financial recordkeeping started to deteriorate, CAHC's revenue increased by \$2.5 million, or over 400 percent, over the prior year without any corresponding increase in assets, liabilities, or expenses.<sup>7</sup>

Although the magnitude of the money involved may be difficult to determine, the impact on local Arkansans is clear. Due to the actions of the former Commissioners, MHA became nearly \$5 million delinquent on its loans for its Madison Heights property, and its lender was threatening foreclosure.<sup>8</sup> This created serious concern regarding whether and how residents will be rehoused, especially considering that, under the prior Commissioners' leadership, MHA's waitlist rose to over 6,000 people.<sup>9</sup> Fortunately, MHA's new leadership was able to secure a new loan on this property in April 2026.

The Committee has worked for more than three years to shine a light on these issues and drive accountability.<sup>10</sup> In 2024, the Federal Bureau of Investigation publicly raided CAHC's offices. Yet, as of the date of this letter, not a single person has been charged or otherwise held accountable in a court of law. Given that MHA and its residents, many of whom are among the most vulnerable in Little Rock, have already been experiencing the consequences of the former Board's alleged criminal activity, it is time to ensure that MHA's former Commissioners also face appropriate consequences. The Committee therefore requests the Eastern District of Arkansas prioritize its investigation of these claims and prosecute any identified criminal activity.

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METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY, Nov. 8, 2023, <https://arktimes.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Issues.pdf> [hereinafter "MHA Staff Complaint."]; Memorandum from Dr. Nadine Jarmon, Executive Director, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a Metropolitan Housing Alliance, to Anthony Landecker, Director-Office of Public Housing for the State of Arkansas, U.S. Dep't of Hous. & Urban Dev. & Frank Scott, Mayor, City of Little Rock (June 23, 2021) [hereinafter "Dr. Jarmon Memo"].

<sup>5</sup> Cumulating figures from 2023 HUD Report, *supra* note 1; 2019 HUD OIG Report, *supra* note 3; 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* note 4 (statement of Dr. Nadine Jarmon, Executive Director, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a the Metropolitan Housing Alliance); MHA Staff Complaint, *supra* note 4; Dr. Jarmon Memo, *supra* note 4.

<sup>6</sup> 2023 HUD Report, *supra* note 1, at 7-8.

<sup>7</sup> *Nonprofit Explorer: Central Arkansas Housing Corporation (as of November 15, 2023)*, PROPUBLICA, <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/651304670>, (last visited Mar. 22, 2026)

<sup>8</sup> Joseph Flaherty, Refinancing of Little Rock's Madison Heights Apartment Complex Set to Close in March Attorney Says, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, Feb. 26, 2026, <https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2026/feb/26/refinancing-of-little-rocks-madison-heights/>

<sup>9</sup> 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* note 4 (statement of Dr. Nadine Jarmon, Executive Director, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a the Metropolitan Housing Alliance).

<sup>10</sup> Letter from French Hill, Member of Congress, U.S. H., to Marcia Fudge, Secretary, U.S. Dep't of Hous. & Urban Dev (Sep. 7, 2023); *see also* Letter from French Hill, Member of Congress, U.S. H., to Marcia Fudge, Secretary, U.S. Dep't of Hous. & Urban Dev. (Jan. 12, 2024).

## **I. Former Commissioners on MHA's Board of Commissioners Likely Engaged in Fraudulent Practices and Embezzlement.**

Based on the testimony provided to and information reviewed by the Committee, there is strong evidence that former MHA Commissioners abused their Board position by embezzling funds and resources that were intended for the benefit of MHA and its residents, as well as defrauding MHA's government and private sector partners. As you know, federal law prohibits individuals with control of federal funds, staff, or other resources from embezzling, stealing, or knowingly converting these federal resources.<sup>11</sup> This prohibition, as well as additional HUD-specific prohibitions on similar activity,<sup>12</sup> clearly provide that it is unlawful for Commissioners on a public housing agency's (PHA) Board or the PHA's employees to abuse federal resources for their own personal gain or enrichment.

Information presented to the Committee also suggests that Commissioners, especially Commissioners Anthony and Lowe, as well as other MHA employees, may have engaged in several different schemes aimed at using resources from MHA to enrich themselves, all at the expense of Arkansans and federal taxpayers. These alleged schemes range in complexity from using MHA's services for themselves and other close, unqualified individuals<sup>13</sup> to directly paying themselves using MHA and CAHC funds.<sup>14</sup> The Commissioners may have been able to effectuate these schemes because they amassed near-total control over the operations of MHA and CAHC during the relevant period,<sup>15</sup> and were able to obscure their actions through MHA's persistent lack of financial documentation,<sup>16</sup> up to and including MHA not undergoing its annually required audit from 2019 through 2023.<sup>17</sup> Indeed, the seriousness of MHA's poor recordkeeping under its former leadership raises legitimate concerns that such incomplete financial records were retained in order to facilitate and obscure the activity described below.

### *A. Inappropriate and Potentially Illegal Payments from MHA and CAHC*

Multiple officials informed the Committee that Commissioner Anthony and other Commissioners issued direct payments to themselves from CAHC accounts, which are funded using federally-issued taxpayer dollars.<sup>18</sup> For example, during its 2024 raid, the FBI allegedly identified a \$40,000 check written from CAHC to Commissioner Anthony.<sup>19</sup> The FBI reportedly found similar checks written to other Commissioners.<sup>20</sup> Although CAHC is registered as a nonprofit organization, it is positioned under MHA and is a party to most of MHA's contractual

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<sup>11</sup> See generally 18 U.S.C. §§ 641–670 (2018).

<sup>12</sup> See e.g. 24 C.F.R. § 964.

<sup>13</sup> 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* note 4 (statement of Kerry Wright, Commissioner, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a the Metropolitan Housing Alliance).

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* note 4 (statement of Dr. Nadine Jarmon, Executive Director, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a the Metropolitan Housing Alliance).

<sup>16</sup> *Id.*

<sup>17</sup> See 2023 HUD Report, *supra* note 1.

<sup>18</sup> See, e.g., 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* note 4 (statement of Kerry Wright, Commissioner, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a the Metropolitan Housing Alliance).

<sup>19</sup> *Id.*

<sup>20</sup> *Id.*

agreements with HUD.<sup>21</sup> Under the prior Commissioner's leadership, MHA and CAHC's funds were extensively comingled, and both entities' financial records were so incomplete that Federal auditors were unable to determine programmatic funding sources in MHA and CAHC's use of funds.<sup>22</sup> Additionally, HUD found that MHA's funding would be immediately moved to CAHC after HUD deposited the funds.<sup>23</sup> As a result, any payments from CAHC would have necessarily included government funds that were issued to MHA for the purpose of supporting its residents.

The checks the FBI identified in its raid are inherently suspect. As a general matter, MHA and CAHC's Commissioners are not paid, meaning the only lawful purpose of this payment would be for expenses the Commissioners incurred in relation to their work at MHA.<sup>24</sup> It is unlikely that unpaid Commissioners were using up to \$40,000 of their personal funds on MHA's or CAHC's activities, even if they expected prompt repayment. Further, the Committee understands that no documentation was identified supporting these payments, which only furthers the concerns that they were unlawful.<sup>25</sup>

Sadly, the concerning conduct continued to occur even after the Commissioners' removal from MHA's Board in 2023. Following their removal, the former Commissioners, including Commissioner Anthony, retained their roles on CAHC's Board of Commissioners for several weeks.<sup>26</sup> Within a week of her removal from MHA's Board, Commissioner Anthony allegedly stopped payment on several of MHA's and CAHC's regular expenses, such as internet and telephone services.<sup>27</sup> Further, allegedly in coordination with Regina Pierce, MHA's former Finance Director, Commissioner Anthony attempted to remove MHA's access from its joint Regions bank account with CAHC, and allegedly sought to rapidly drain another of MHA's accounts with Regions Bank, conducting over \$38,000 in transactions.<sup>28</sup> Commissioner Anthony and Ms. Pierce also allegedly submitted false payroll actions, presumably in an attempt to syphon more funds.<sup>29</sup>

In addition to MHA's other improper expenditures, during this time, HUD found that MHA had "what appears to be regular and habitual utilization of the credit cards for ineligible purposes."<sup>30</sup> Unfortunately, MHA's financial documentation is so limited that HUD could not identify a comprehensive estimate of the total improper credit card payments, but it identified \$33,248 in questionable payments in 2022 alone.<sup>31</sup> Displaying how MHA's poor recordkeeping shielded it from deeper analysis, HUD concluded "[c]oupling what appears to be a disregard for

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<sup>21</sup> See generally 2023 HUD Report, *supra* note 1.

<sup>22</sup> 2023 HUD Report, *supra* note 1, at 4.

<sup>23</sup> *Id.*

<sup>24</sup> See, e.g., 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* note 4 (statement of Kerry Wright, Commissioner, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a the Metropolitan Housing Alliance).

<sup>25</sup> *Id.*

<sup>26</sup> Mary Hennigan, *The Little Rock Housing Authority Versus its own Nonprofit, an Ongoing Battle*, ARKANSAS TIMES, Nov. 8, 2023, <https://arktimes.com/news/2023/11/08/the-little-rock-housing-authority-versus-its-own-nonprofit-an-ongoing-battle>.

<sup>27</sup> MHA Staff Complaint, *supra* note 4.

<sup>28</sup> *Id.*

<sup>29</sup> *Id.*

<sup>30</sup> 2023 HUD Report, *supra* note 1, at 6.

<sup>31</sup> *Id.*

credit card utilization policy with the lacking support documentation and/or business use justification(s) it is reasonable to question the validity of all costs billed to the credit card(s).”<sup>32</sup>

Given MHA and CAHC’s recordkeeping practices, determining the frequency and total value of these payments would require a detailed forensic audit. Testimony before the Committee suggests that these types of practices were reasonably commonplace amongst MHA’s Commissioners.<sup>33</sup> Given MHA’s current financial shortfalls, both the citizens of Little Rock and taxpayers nationally have an interest in ensuring that any individual that engaged in direct theft of MHA’s resources is held accountable.

B. *Inappropriate and Potentially Illegal Use of Staff and Resources*

The Committee also received testimony that former Commissioners exploited MHA’s staff and other resources for personal purposes.<sup>34</sup> As an example, the former Commissioners allegedly threw themselves lavish after-work parties while utilizing MHA’s staff, services, and resources.<sup>35</sup> This includes Commissioner Anthony allegedly using MHA’s resources to host an after-work birthday party. There is no evidence that Commissioner Anthony repaid MHA for the associated expenses, and the Committee understands that MHA was rarely, if ever, compensated for these costs or time.<sup>36</sup> City Officials have indicated to Committee Staff that Commissioner Lowe engaged in similar practices.<sup>37</sup>

Former Commissioner Lowe has also been accused of financial impropriety related to his use of MHA’s funds for travel expenses. This issue was first identified in 2021 by MHA’s Executive Director, Dr. Nadine Jarmon, within months of starting the role. Dr. Jarmon was suspended and ultimately fired after reporting this and other allegations of misconduct to Little Rock Mayor Frank Scott and HUD Arkansas State Director, Anthony Landecker.<sup>38</sup>

Commissioner Anthony also allegedly engaged in nepotistic hiring and provided additional benefits to her adult children, friends, and other family. In addition to hiring several of her own children, Commissioner Anthony purchased new, expensive automobiles purportedly for MHA using MHA’s funds.<sup>39</sup> Despite the pretense that these vehicles were for MHA, they were allegedly exclusively used by Commissioner Anthony or her children both during and outside of

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<sup>32</sup> *Id.*

<sup>33</sup> 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* Note 4 (statement of Kerry Wright, Commissioner, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a the Metropolitan Housing Alliance).

<sup>34</sup> *See e.g. Id.*

<sup>35</sup> *Id.*; *see also* Dr. Jarmon Memo, *supra* note 4.

<sup>36</sup> Dr. Jarmon Memo, *supra* note 4, at 1.

<sup>37</sup> Meetings with Committee staff (Feb. 26-27, 2026) (notes on file with the Committee).

<sup>38</sup> Joseph Flaherty, Nadine Jarmon Agrees to Return as Executive Director of Little Rock Housing Authority, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Jul. 12, 2024, <https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2024/jul/12/nadine-jarmon-agrees-to-return-as-executive/>.

<sup>39</sup> 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* Note 4 (statement of Kerry Wright, Commissioner, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a the Metropolitan Housing Alliance).

work hours.<sup>40</sup> Following Commissioner Anthony's removal from the Board of Commissioners, one of these trucks was stolen.<sup>41</sup> City and MHA Officials have alleged or implied that Commissioner Anthony and/or her son were responsible for the theft.<sup>42</sup>

The Committee has also received testimony regarding the misuse of MHA's resources by its former Commissioners. Commissioners allegedly maintained offices at MHA properties without compensating MHA.<sup>43</sup> Commissioner Anthony allegedly would provide MHA's in-house services, such as pest control, to friends and family without compensating MHA.<sup>44</sup> Lastly, officials in Little Rock have claimed that former Commissioners Anthony and Lowe both allowed friends and family to live in MHA's properties for free, despite those individuals not being eligible for Federal housing benefits.<sup>45</sup>

### C. *Theft of Property*

Commissioner Anthony is alleged to have stolen dozens of appliances from one of MHA's properties, Madison Heights. Madison Heights is an MHA development that has undergone a partial RAD conversion and, as a result, has dozens of unoccupied units awaiting updates and improvements.<sup>46</sup> Commissioner Anthony allegedly took the appliances out of these units or kept new appliances intended for these units for herself or her friends.<sup>47</sup> Discussions with Officials in Little Rock also indicate that Commissioner Anthony may have bypassed the purchase of the new appliances altogether and simply kept the money for herself.<sup>48</sup> Again, the condition of MHA's financial records creates challenges in identifying these alleged suspect transactions, however, the current lack of appliances in vacant units at Madison Heights provides substantial support for these claims.

### D. *Potential Misappropriation from the Little Rock Land Bank*

Testimony suggests that one or multiple former Commissioners may have misappropriated land from the Land Bank of Little Rock.<sup>49</sup> The Little Rock Land Bank provides city departments and nonprofits with access to abandoned properties at a low cost to facilitate

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<sup>40</sup>*Id.*; see also Mary Hennigan, *The Little Rock Housing Authority Versus its own Nonprofit, an Ongoing Battle*, ARKANSAS TIMES, Nov. 8, 2023, <https://arktimes.com/news/2023/11/08/the-little-rock-housing-authority-versus-its-own-nonprofit-an-ongoing-battle>.

<sup>41</sup> Mary Hennigan, *The Little Rock Housing Authority Versus its own Nonprofit, an Ongoing Battle*, ARKANSAS TIMES, Nov. 8, 2023, <https://arktimes.com/news/2023/11/08/the-little-rock-housing-authority-versus-its-own-nonprofit-an-ongoing-battle>.

<sup>42</sup> MHA Staff Complaint, *supra* note 4.

<sup>43</sup> 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* Note 4 (statement of Kerry Wright, Commissioner, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a the Metropolitan Housing Alliance).

<sup>44</sup> *Id.*

<sup>45</sup> Meetings with Committee staff (Feb. 26-27, 2026) (notes on file with the Committee).

<sup>46</sup> *Housing Programs*, Metropolitan Housing Alliance, <https://lrhousing.org/housing-programs/> (last visited Mar. 25, 2026); Meetings with Committee staff (Feb. 26-27, 2026) (notes on file with the Committee).

<sup>47</sup> 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* note 4 (statement of Kerry Wright, Commissioner, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a the Metropolitan Housing Alliance).

<sup>48</sup> Meetings with Committee staff (Feb. 26-27, 2026) (notes on file with the Committee).

<sup>49</sup> 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* Note 4 (statement of Kerry Wright, Commissioner, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a the Metropolitan Housing Alliance); Dr. Jarmon Memo, *supra* note 4.

urban development.<sup>50</sup> As a general matter, MHA maintains a representative to the Board of the Land Bank to help guide its decisions. Commissioners allegedly used MHA to claim land in Little Rock's Land Bank, direct the conveyance of that land to CAHC, and then sell these properties to friends or connected individuals at a greatly reduced cost.<sup>51</sup> If true, this conduct defrauded both the City of Little Rock by taking the land under false pretenses, as well as defrauded federal taxpayers whose funds supported MHA's initial purchase of the land. Although multiple independent sources relayed these allegations to the Committee,<sup>52</sup> it is unclear whether Commissioners were compensated in any manner in connection with these transactions.

E. *Other Potential Fraudulent Actions*

Beyond the misconduct described above, the Committee is aware of other allegations that warrant investigation by your office, including relating to material misstatements and potential COVID-19 relief fraud. For example, the Committee has reason to believe that MHA made false representations to federal investigators and its private sector partners. Most notably, in October 2020, the Board of Commissioners allegedly informed HUD OIG that then-executive director Marshall Nash had been placed on administrative leave, despite no such action taking place at that time.<sup>53</sup> The reason for the Commissioners' misrepresentation is unclear, but it seems unlikely that the Commissioners' would misremember a disciplinary action, upon which they would have had to vote, taken against MHA's chief executive.

Further, MHA's maintenance of inadequate financial records creates serious concerns regarding the truthfulness and accuracy of documents MHA provided to potential investors or contractors. In fact, HUD noted in 2023 that MHA lacked sufficient documentation to survive a due diligence review by competent contractors and investors.<sup>54</sup> Despite this lack of documentation, MHA continued to engage in large contract negotiations.<sup>55</sup> Although the Committee has not identified direct evidence of MHA making false representations in these contract negotiations, MHA's agreements from 2019 through 2023 require deeper analysis given its underlying financial and recordkeeping position.

As it relates to COVID-19 relief funding, MHA utilized funds to provide the Board of Commissioners with new laptops, which cost nearly \$5,000 apiece.<sup>56</sup> Despite the cost of these laptops being exorbitant and wasteful, this type of purchase may have been permissible if funded through the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program. However, this type of purchase would be unlawful under other pandemic-era programs, such as the Paycheck Protection Program. Given MHA's poor recordkeeping and inability to identify programmatic funding

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<sup>50</sup> Little Rock Land Bank Commission, City of Little Rock, <https://littlerock.gov/government/city-departments/housing-and-neighborhood/land-bank-commission/> (last visited Mar. 25, 2026).

<sup>51</sup> 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* note 4 (statement of Joan Adcock, Director, City of Little Rock).

<sup>52</sup> Meetings with Committee staff (Feb. 26-27, 2026) (notes on file with the Committee).

<sup>53</sup> Dr. Jarmon Memo, *supra* note 4, at 9.

<sup>54</sup> See 2023 HUD Report, *supra* note 1, at 5.

<sup>55</sup> *Id.*

<sup>56</sup> Dr. Jarmon Memo, *supra* note 4, at 9 (June 23, 2021).

sources,<sup>57</sup> additional investigation into MHA's use of COVID-19 relief funds, and whether it complied with programmatic spending requirements, is warranted.

## **II. Former Commissioners on MHA's Board of Commissioners Likely Engaged in Unlawful Contract Steering.**

MHA's former Commissioners appear to have maintained a contracting patronage system that directed MHA's contracts to individuals and entities with whom MHA or the Commissioners had personal connections. Several officials from the City of Little Rock, current MHA leadership, as well as MHA's current Board of Commissioners have all stated that former Commissioners on MHA's Board, particularly Commissioners Anthony and Lowe, influenced bidding processes and attempted to improperly direct contracts to individuals with whom they had a connection.<sup>58</sup> The ability for the Commissioner to engage in such activity aligns with HUD's OIG finding that, during the relevant period, MHA "had not established procedures to document the identification and resolution of potential conflicts of interest."<sup>59</sup>

According to Dr. Jarmon, "numerous contracts have been awarded or steered to businesses or persons who have personal relationships with the Board of Commissioners."<sup>60</sup> For example, MHA's Board of Commissioners allegedly directed MHA to steer building contracts valued up to \$1 million to The Woods Group,<sup>61</sup> without engaging in a competitive bidding process as is required for all contracts exceeding \$350,000.<sup>62</sup> Dr. Jarmon also alleged that Commissioner Anthony directed MHA to contract with a specific vendor, ARS, to support the Board's planning of a leadership retreat.<sup>63</sup> Assessing Commissioner Anthony's role and rationale for directing the contract to this vendor is warranted, as well as a full accounting of how this trip was funded and for what those funds were used.

Commissioner Anthony also allegedly guided the sale of an MHA property to a charitable organization for which she was also a board member.<sup>64</sup> The property at issue was valued between \$221,000 and \$425,000 and its sale caused MHA to experience just shy of \$20,000 in direct excess costs.<sup>65</sup> MHA's current leadership has implied that Commissioner Anthony's decision making was influenced by her role on the other Board,<sup>66</sup> and other officials from the City of Little Rock have raised concerns regarding the former Commissioners being on several other Boards simultaneously.<sup>67</sup>

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<sup>57</sup> See generally 2023 HUD Report, *supra* note 1.

<sup>58</sup> See e.g. Dr. Jarmon Memo, *supra* note 4, at 2-10.

<sup>59</sup> 2019 HUD OIG Report, *supra* note 3.

<sup>60</sup> See e.g. Dr. Jarmon Memo, *supra* note 4, at 3.

<sup>61</sup> *Id.* at 5.

<sup>62</sup> 48 C.F.R. § 2.101 (2025).

<sup>63</sup> Dr. Jarmon Memo, *supra* note 4, at 5.

<sup>64</sup> *Id.* at 4.

<sup>65</sup> *Id.*

<sup>66</sup> See generally Dr. Jarmon Memo, *supra* note 4; Meetings with Committee staff (Feb. 26-27, 2026) (notes on file with the Committee).

<sup>67</sup> Meetings with Committee staff (Feb. 26-27, 2026) (notes on file with the Committee); see also 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* note 4 (statement of Joan Adcock, Director, City of Little Rock).

HUD OIG also identified an unmitigated conflict of interests in MHA's RAD conversions. Specifically, HUD OIG found that an unnamed MHA employee was married to a senior manager of a company MHA contracted with in its RAD conversions.<sup>68</sup> MHA also claimed that the concerns with this conflict of interest had been mitigated, but given that MHA lacked policies on how to resolve conflicts and documentation to show how this conflict was mitigated, that appears unlikely.<sup>69</sup> Regardless, MHA's Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD prohibited MHA from entering into a contract with any entity employing the spouse of an MHA employee.<sup>70</sup>

Commissioner Anthony also allegedly disrupted the bidding process in the use of COVID-19 relief funding to aid her former employer, Houseaboutit. Commissioner Anthony apparently did not disclose the conflict of interest nor recuse herself for the Boards vote on this matter.<sup>71</sup> According to Dr. Jarmon, the Board of Commissioners, particularly Commissioner Anthony, also steered unnecessary and wasteful contracts to The Design Group.<sup>72</sup>

### III. Conclusion

Current MHA Commissioner Kerry Wright, who briefly overlapped with Commissioners Anthony and Lowe, summarized the behavior of former Commissioners on MHA's Board in his testimony before the Committee:

The Chair of MHA and CAHC would throw herself a birthday party at the expense of the housing authority. They were driving around in housing authority vehicles. Somethings like pest control and appliances that were missing ended up in their homes, friends' homes. It was as if they treated it like it was their [own] business.... Just taking advantage of vendors that we have at MHA and CAHC and using them to their benefit.<sup>73</sup>

Little Rock City Director Joan Adcock, who was among those that voted to remove MHA's former Commissioners, also testified:

It seems like some of the apartment complexes are 30 and 40 percent vacant. They do not have refrigerators. They do not have stoves and other things in [them]. In my opinion, and from what I was told, the people before Dr. Jarmon and everything, they took that money and used it for other things, and the ... apartment complexes [were] not finished. There were too many apartments that were needing repairs and everything, some roofs and things, but they had used the money ... for their own purposes and diverted it from the apartment buildings, and did not do the repairs.<sup>74</sup>

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<sup>68</sup> 2019 HUD OIG Report, *supra* note 3, at 6-7.

<sup>69</sup> 2019 HUD OIG Report, *supra* note 3, at 6-7.

<sup>70</sup> *Id.*

<sup>71</sup> Dr. Jarmon Memo, *supra* note 4, at 6.

<sup>72</sup> *Id.*

<sup>73</sup> 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* note 4 (statement of Kerry Wright, Commissioner, Little Rock Housing Authority d/b/a the Metropolitan Housing Alliance)

<sup>74</sup> 2026 House Financial Services Hearing, *supra* note 4 (statement of Joan Adcock, Director, City of Little Rock).

It has been over two years since the FBI raided CAHC's offices, and to date, your office has failed to publicly act on any of the evidence gathered nor other public information. Given the vast amount of testimony, documents, and public reporting regarding the alleged criminal activity of former Commissioners on MHA's Board, the Eastern District of Arkansas must finally act, investigate, and ensure any criminal wrongdoing is prosecuted. Public housing residents—like all residents—deserve housing devoid of hazards and that is safe and clean. When those in power abuse, steal, or misdirect resources intended to support public housing residents, both taxpayers and residents are harmed. In the case of MHA, financial mismanagement and alleged theft created an unacceptable risk that hundreds of residents in subsidized and affordable housing in Little Rock would lose their homes. It is vital to both taxpayers and residents that PHA's, their executives, and their Boards are held accountable when their actions violate the law and harm residents. To ensure the Eastern District is fulfilling its role in rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse in Federal programs and to identify whether any additional legislative authorities are needed, the Committee requests a briefing no later than April 27, 2026 on the status of your investigation.

Pursuant to Rule X of the House of Representatives, the House Committee on Financial Services has jurisdiction to oversee matters related to public housing. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Albrecht of the House Committee on Financial Services majority staff at [Alex.Albrecht@mail.house.gov](mailto:Alex.Albrecht@mail.house.gov). Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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