

November 6, 2025

Senator Patty Murray  
154 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murray:

Thank you for your steadfast leadership on housing and homelessness and your efforts to require HUD to renew all existing Continuum of Care grants for 2026.

We are local elected officials from the Puget Sound region writing to express our grave concern about sweeping changes to Continuum of Care funding being proposed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Local governments are at the front line of addressing homelessness and these proposed changes, compounded by the coming changes to Medicaid and SNAP, will be devastating for communities across Washington.

The impacts of the changes to Continuum of Care funding would be far-reaching and devastating for our communities. Capping the funds that communities can use to keep individuals and families permanently housed would result in the loss of homes for more than 170,000 people nationwide, including older adults, people with disabilities, veterans and families with children. This is of particular concern for our region, as Continuum of Care funding is used to operate and provide services in permanent supportive housing buildings. The impact would be catastrophic and result in thousands of people who are currently stably housed to return to homelessness.

In July, HUD announced a new competition for FY 2025 Continuum of Care funds, however, the new Notice of Funding Opportunity has not been released and will not until the government reopens. Significant delays in funding will prevent homeless service providers from being able to serve the people who rely on these services. Organizations will be unable to make rent payments to landlords, cover operating costs or make payroll, which will put program participants at the risk of homelessness. Therefore, we urge the release of the Continuum of Care funding without delay.

We support your advocacy for Continuum of Care funding thus far and we deeply appreciate your efforts on behalf of our communities.

Sincerely,

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