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Dear Housing Director/Manager,

I recently learned about the Earned Income Disregard (EID) for people with disabilities who live in certain housing programs. This is a federal law as described at 24 C.F.R. & 982.201 (b) (3), 66 Federal Register 6217, 6226 (January 19, 2001) and 24 C.F.R. & 5.617 (b), Federal Register 6730 (February 13, 2002). The EID applies to Public Housing, as well as HOME, Housing and Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA), and the Supportive Housing and Housing Choice (Section 8) Voucher programs affected April 20, 2001.

I believe I meet the eligibility criteria for these covered housing programs. According to this law, my rent should not increase for 12 months after I start earning money and if I continue to work, 50% of my earned income would be considered in the calculation of my rent for a second 12 month period.

- I am a person with a disability, AND
- I have been unemployed for the 12 months preceding my employment or had earned income 500 hours at minimum wage or less during the 12 months before I started working, OR
- My family's annual income increased as a result of the disabled family member's participation in a self-sufficiency or job training program, OR
- My family's annual income increased as a result of new employment, or increased earnings of a family member who is a person with disabilities, during or within six months after receiving assistance, benefits or service under any state program for temporary assistance for needy families funded under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act.

I started working on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

I am, therefore, requesting the use of this work incentive.

Sincerely yours,

If you do not believe that I am eligible for this work incentive, please explain.

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