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Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in Virginia Under House GOP Bill

The 2011 funding proposal (H.R. 1) that the House of Representatives passed on February 19 would reduce public housing capital funding by nearly \$1.1 billion, or 43 percent, compared to the 2010 level. This cut would prevent local housing agencies from carrying out needed repairs to public housing developments, such as replacing boilers or fixing roofs. As a result, it would:

- Cause living conditions to deteriorate for over one million vulnerable families that live in public housing;
- Eliminate or prevent creation of jobs in the hard-hit residential construction sector;
- Increase future federal costs by deferring improvements that would reduce energy consumption or avoid more expensive damage down the road (for example, by patching a leaky roof);
- Risk creating blight that would lower property values in surrounding neighborhoods; and
- Permit some developments to deteriorate to the point where they must be demolished, squandering decades of federal and local investment and eliminating badly needed affordable housing.

In Virginia, 21 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 21 percent are disabled.* The House plan would cut \$17.8 million from housing agencies across Virginia, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Abingdon RHA	28	\$21,000
Alexandria RHA	922	\$591,000
Bristol Redev & HA	410	\$312,000
Charlottesville RHA	375	\$287,000
Chesapeake RHA	467	\$373,000
Cumberland Plateau Regional HA	307	\$183,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Danville RHA	479	\$429,000
Fairfax Co RHA	1,065	\$868,000
Franklin RHA	150	\$186,000
Hampton RHA	539	\$546,000
Harrisonburg RHA	0**	\$81,000
Hopewell RHA	497	\$356,000
Lee Co RHA	86	\$73,000
Lynchburg RHA	328	\$268,000
Marion RHA	238	\$186,000
Newport News RHA	1,887	\$1,604,000
Norfolk RHA	3,616	\$3,362,000
Norton RHA	218	\$170,000
Petersburg RHA	459	\$382,000
Portsmouth PHA	803	\$1,432,000
Richmond RHA	4,019	\$3,795,000
Roanoke RHA	1,263	\$1,165,000
Scott Co RHA	111	\$68,000
Staunton RHA	150	\$125,000
Suffolk RHA	466	\$344,000
Waynesboro RHA	188	\$146,000
Williamsburg Redevelopment & Housing Auth.	104	\$80,000
Wise Co RHA	192	\$153,000
Wytheville Redev & HA	220	\$172,000

* HUD defines a household as “elderly” if the head or spouse of the head is 62 or older, and as “disabled” if the head or spouse of the head has a disability. The percentage of disabled households shown here includes only non-elderly disabled households.

** Agencies shown as administering zero public housing units have demolished or otherwise taken out of use all of their public housing developments and receive capital funds to develop replacement housing.

Note: Estimated cuts are relative to the 2010 funding level, and assume that agencies will be eligible for the same percentage share of capital funds in 2011 as they were in 2010. Unit counts show the total number of public housing units administered by the agency according to the most recent publicly available HUD data. A small portion of the units in these data (likely less than 5 percent nationally) are in the process of being demolished, sold, or otherwise taken out of use as public housing.