

# NAHT Call to RESIST!

## RESPOND NOW to Trump's Budget Cuts!

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On Thursday, March 16, Trump proposed \$6.2 billion in cuts to HUD, as part of a transfer of \$54 billion from domestic programs, the environment and diplomacy, to Pentagon military contractors, the private prison industry and the Wall. The HUD cuts alone would drop 200,000 families from Section 8 Voucher rolls next year, devastate Public Housing, and terminate all HUD funding for city housing programs! And unless Congress provides \$1 billion more by April 28, when current funds run out, 100,000 Section 8 Vouchers will be cut **THIS SUMMER!**

Worse, besides turbo-charging homelessness and mass displacement, Trump's budget would end funding for Legal Services, AmeriCorps/VISTA, Community Action Agencies, Meals on Wheels, and emergency heating assistance. Besides taking away health care from 24 million people and butchering Medicaid, funds would be slashed for student aid, job training, child nutrition, public education, and clean air and water. **Trump's "Death Budget" is a recipe for war, austerity, inequality, suffering, and greed.**

The elected, all-tenant NAHT Board calls on NAHT affiliates and allies to RESIST these cuts! **Plan a response in your community! Some examples of what you can do:**

- **Line up tenant leaders for quotes** in media stories about the cuts--issue a press release and call local media, to make tenant voices heard! Find a sample release attached on our website. Use data about cuts to your city or state from the Appropriations Committee summary (the link is located on our website).
- **Reach out to allies affected by Trump's "Death Budget"**. CAP agencies, Legal Services, Meals on Wheels and Food Stamp recipients, neighborhood groups and CDC's have a direct stake in fighting the cuts. So do health care groups, trade unions, teachers and students. Peace groups can be allies fighting increases in Pentagon pork at the expense of the poor. Join with them!
- **Organize a press conference** at a public housing development or city agency office--invite elected officials to join tenants to protest the cuts!
- **Join or organize a "Trump Tuesday" rally in your city on a Tuesday in March.** In Chicago, NAHT's affiliate, the Chicago Housing Initiative, is joining local housing groups, MoveOn and others to protest cuts on March 21. The Ryan House Budget and Progressive Caucus "Peoples Budget" are expected out by March 27; groups could line up a response on Tuesday, March 28.
- **Organize a postcard campaign** demanding your Congress people oppose cuts! New York Tenants and Neighbors is collecting postcards to present to Trump supporter Dan Donovan (R-NY). The Texas Tenants Union is collecting postcards as well. NAHT will be releasing a sample tip sheet soon. You can organize press and social media when postcards are delivered to local offices.
- **Messaging** in protesting cuts, we urge people to link HUD cuts to broader cuts, such as health care, Medicaid and legal services, affecting low income people and people of color. Use NAHT's 2016 Platform (which is located on our website) your messaging!