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Dear Joyce:

Thank you for providing additional detail regarding your recommendation that the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) program be adjusted for manufactured home park residents.

I understand that in some parks, charges for water and sewer are included in the total amount paid as rent, while in others, these charges are separated from the charge for pad rental. I understand that you are recommending that where charges for water and sewer are paid separately, they should be considered as part of the total amount paid as rent, for the purposes of calculating SAFER assistance. You also recommended that heating allowances under SAFER be increased.

I appreciate your thoughtful input on the issue of SAFER calculations for park residents. At this time, there are no plans to make changes to the way these payments are calculated; however, I will make a note of your recommendations for future amendments. I note, however, that it may be beyond the scope of SAFER to make detailed calculations regarding the services included or separated from rent charges. For example, rental of some units may include provision of cable TV, and a resident of such a unit would receive SAFER assistance based on the total rent charge, rather than the cost of rent minus the included cost of cable.

As always, I appreciate you bringing your concerns to my attention, and your helpful comments.

Yours truly,

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