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Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania, 36 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 27 percent are disabled.* The House plan would cut \$78.1 million from housing agencies across Pennsylvania, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Allegheny Co HA	3,051	\$3,085,000
Allentown HA	1,212	\$1,183,000
Altoona HA	535	\$304,000
Armstrong Co HA	545	\$319,000
Beaver Co HA	1,875	\$1,434,000
Bedford Co HA	23	\$15,000
Berks Co HA	209	\$126,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Bethlehem HA	1,433	\$1,161,000
Blair Co HA	84	\$55,000
Bradford	200	\$132,000
Bradford Co HA	400	\$251,000
Bucks Co	648	\$342,000
Butler Co HA	452	\$247,000
Carbon Co HA	153	\$89,000
Carbondale HA	345	\$227,000
Centre Co HA	20	\$17,000
Chester Co HA	329	\$309,000
Chester HA	772	\$1,038,000
Clarion Co HA	40	\$31,000
Clearfield Co HA	180	\$134,000
Clinton County	457	\$308,000
Columbia Co HA	70	\$47,000
Connellsville HA	200	\$113,000
Corry HA	75	\$41,000
Cumberland Co HA	208	\$139,000
Dauphin Co HA	731	\$436,000
Delaware Co HA	588	\$748,000
DuBois HA	190	\$122,000
Easton Co HA	305	\$408,000
Elk Co HA	175	\$91,000
Erie City HA	1,848	\$1,674,000
Erie Co HA	120	\$66,000
Fayette Co HA	1,286	\$1,126,000
Franklin City HA	99	\$64,000
Franklin Co HA	364	\$289,000
Greene Co HA	290	\$202,000
Harrisburg HA	1,728	\$1,581,000
Hazleton HA	299	\$188,000
Huntingdon Co HA	314	\$247,000
Indiana Co HA	183	\$110,000
Jefferson Co HA	286	\$164,000
Johnstown HA	1,513	\$1,073,000
Lackawanna Co HA	1,128	\$744,000
Lancaster City HA	564	\$405,000
Lawrence Co.	838	\$584,000
Lebanon Co HA	405	\$291,000
Lehigh Co HA	289	\$159,000
Luzerne Co HA	1,349	\$869,000
Lycoming Co HA	435	\$420,000
McKean Co	216	\$156,000
McKeesport HA	993	\$1,041,000
Meadville HA	347	\$264,000
Mercer Co HA	647	\$561,000
Mifflin Co	279	\$184,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Monroe Co HA	300	\$215,000
Montgomery Co	612	\$406,000
Montour Co HA	115	\$82,000
Nanticoke HA	417	\$286,000
Northampton Co HA	106	\$60,000
Northumberland Co HA	200	\$145,000
Oil City HA	148	\$100,000
Philadelphia HA	16,643	\$34,721,000
Pittsburgh HA	5,092	\$9,606,000
Pittston HA	302	\$215,000
Pottsville HA	514	\$362,000
Reading HA	1,602	\$1,104,000
Schuykill Co	609	\$393,000
Scranton HA	1,291	\$902,000
Shamokin HA	202	\$129,000
Snyder Co HA	40	\$30,000
Somerset Co HA	221	\$147,000
Sunbury Hsg	306	\$235,000
Susquehanna Co HA	43	\$34,000
Tioga Co HA	458	\$285,000
Titusville HA	150	\$108,000
Venango Co HA	20	\$17,000
Warren Co HA	237	\$170,000
Washington Co HA	891	\$549,000
Westmoreland Co HA	1,872	\$1,050,000
Wilkes-Barre HA	873	\$601,000
Wyoming Co HA	65	\$45,000
York	1,089	\$734,000

* 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. Data exclude most households assisted by the 33 agencies participating in the Moving-to-Work demonstration.

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.