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The Honorable Rae Oliver Davis, Inspector General
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General Davis:

As a state representative in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, I am asking the HUD Office of Inspector General to perform a program/compliance audit of the Johnstown (PA) Housing Authority's Section 8 (Voucher Choice) Program.

The purpose of this audit – and any further investigation it may yield – would be to determine if tenants in the Johnstown Housing Authority's Section 8 Program are meeting all HUD eligibility requirements, including passing any criminal background and credit checks that are mandated.

I am attaching a copy of a news story from NBC10 in Philadelphia, which documents how residents of Philadelphia are using the Johnstown Housing Authority's Section 8 Program to obtain housing vouchers, which they then "port" to Philadelphia landlords to obtain housing in their city of origin. Here's the link to print the story from: [NBC10 Investigators](#)

I can assure you that many Johnstown residents have deep concerns about this practice and are seeking answers as to why it is occurring and whether the local Section 8 Program is operating properly. The expertise and resources of HUD OIG are the best, and perhaps only, way of documenting whether all tenant eligibility requirements are being met.

If you have any questions or desire any further clarification, please contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Burns".

State Rep. Frank Burns
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