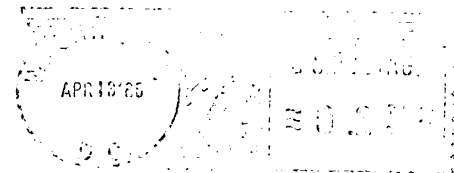
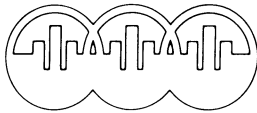


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April 12, 1988

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Dear Mr. Connarton:

This letter is meant to respond to your March communication concerning the OMB recommendation that communities with rent control be prohibited from receiving rental rehabilitation funding.

The National League of Cities is also opposed to this proposed limitation on rental rehabilitation funds and have expressed our concerns during meetings with HUD personnel. The rent control issue was proposed by President Reagan in his FY89 budget request and at the present time we have been informed that HUD staff is going through the process of putting together the background documentation to support this position. However, the request cannot be implemented without congressional action and NLC's reading of the Congress does not indicate support for this proposal at the present time.

The President's recommendation would have to be attached to a housing bill pending before the Congress. Since the Congress just passed the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, it is unlikely that another housing bill will emerge until the next session of Congress. In addition, while the President and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) are in favor of this proposal, HUD staff also have doubts about receiving congressional action in the near future.

We support the resolution passed by your City Council and have transmitted a copy to Mr. David Cohen, Director, Office of Urban

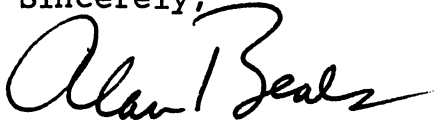
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Rehabilitation at HUD. We will be monitoring this recommendation over the next several months and keep you abreast of any changes that might occur. Should you have any further need for information regarding this matter, please contact Marvin McGraw in our Office of Federal Relations on (202) 626-3020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alan Beals". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Alan Beals
Executive Director

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Comm. from Alan Beals, Exec. Dir., National League of Cities in acknowledgment of resolutions adopted by the City Council concerning the recommendation of the Office of Management & Budget that communities with Rent Control be prohibited from receiving rental rehabilitation funding from HUD.

In City Council,

April 25, 1988

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