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██████████, Esq.
██████████ Housing Authority
██████████, MA ██████████

Re: ██████████ Reasonable Accommodation Request

Dear Attorney ██████████:

I represent ██████████. Mr. ██████████ was issued a moving packet to use with his Section 8 voucher by the ██████████ Housing Authority on or around August 31, 2016. Mr. ██████████'s voucher was subsequently referred to the ██████████, as he was attempting to locate a unit to lease up at in ██████████. Mr. ██████████'s voucher expired on or around October 30, 2016.

Mr. ██████████ suffers from very serious medical conditions, which resulted in him being hospitalized in early September 2016 through February 21, 2017. I am enclosing supportive documentation speaking to this fact. Due to the fact that he was hospitalized, Mr. ██████████ was unable to engage in housing search during the initial time period he was provided to locate a unit at which to use his Section 8 voucher. His case worker from Community Healthlink, ██████████, attempted to contact Mr. ██████████'s ██████████ housing specialist worker, ██████████, but was unable to do so. Had Mr. ██████████ been able to contact Ms. ██████████, he could have requested an extension of search time, pursuant to the ██████████'s Administrative Plan, Section 5.3.2. I have little doubt that, had such a conversation taken place, Mr. ██████████ would have been approved for an extension as a reasonable accommodation given his lengthy hospitalization.

Because Mr. ██████████'s voucher expired due to his disability-related hospitalization, he respectfully requests that the ██████████ reinstate his voucher, effective immediately. We believe this request is reasonable, given the severity of Mr. ██████████'s disability, and that reinstating Mr. ██████████'s voucher would not pose an undue financial or administrative burden or fundamentally alter the Housing Authority's programs.

I thank you in advance for your consideration. Please contact me at (508) 425-2787 if I can answer any additional questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Maureen St. Cyr
Staff Attorney

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