

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Scott Turner
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Turner,

We are writing to express serious concerns regarding the proposed staff reductions and the lease termination notice for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Denver Regional Office. These actions will make it much harder for Colorado constituents to access housing services and will jeopardize critical federal housing operations for multiple regions nationwide.

The General Services Administration (GSA) issued a formal notice on February 25, 2025 that HUD will vacate its office space in Denver on September 30, 2025. This termination is particularly puzzling given that the Denver Regional Office is actively participating in GSA's own Space Match program, which was created to address shortages in available office space.

The Denver Regional Office houses critical operations, including the HUD Region 8 hub, the Denver Homeownership Center, and Western Regional multifamily operations, collectively serving millions of Americans and processing billions in federal housing financing.

Since January, this office has already reduced staff by 50% through the deferred resignation program and the removal of probationary employees.

Additional staff reductions would create immediate harm to Coloradans across the state who rely on the housing services provided by this office. Families waiting for housing vouchers would face longer delays and reduced support. First-time homebuyers, veterans, and working families seeking Federal Housing Administration (FHA)-insured mortgages would encounter processing delays that could block their path to homeownership – all during a serious housing affordability crisis. Local communities would experience slower processing of Community Development Block Grants and other programs, delaying critical infrastructure projects and housing rehabilitation. Housing authorities and community development partners could lose their primary federal point of contact, disrupting ongoing programs and weakening disaster preparedness across Colorado.

Given the critical services provided by the Denver Regional Office, we urge you to take the following steps. First, maintain current staffing levels and preserve critical housing programs that serve millions of Americans. Second, conduct a comprehensive analysis of how additional cuts would affect federal housing operations nationwide. Finally, engage with Colorado and regional partners who depend on coordination with the Denver Regional Office before implementing additional reductions to ensure service continuity. In addition, we request the following information:

1. **Current Status:** In some cases, properties have been removed from termination lists after initial announcements of proposed real estate cuts. What is the process and timeline for reconsidering the decision to terminate the lease for the Denver Regional Office by September 30, 2025?
2. **Alternative Arrangements:** If the termination proceeds, what specific provisions are being made to ensure continuity of services to Colorado constituents and the multiple regions served by Denver Regional Office operations?
3. **Cost Analysis:** Has GSA completed a cost-benefit analysis comparing lease termination savings to operational costs of disrupting critical federal housing infrastructure, including the impact of eliminating one of only four FHA homeownership centers? If so, please provide this analysis.
4. **Policy Contradiction Analysis:** How does GSA reconcile terminating the Denver lease with its Space Match program, when the Denver office is currently demonstrating the program's success by sharing space with other federal employees? What analysis has been conducted on eliminating this successful Space Match location?

We request a written response by September 12, 2025, regarding HUD's proposed plans for the Denver Regional Office lease expiration and any staffing reductions that would affect services to Colorado constituents and critical federal housing services infrastructure.

We look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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