Dear Resident:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development subsidizes the rent of your apartment through the project-based Section 8 program. Federal law requires that owners provide tenants with a one-year notification before the expiration of a Section 8 contract. The Section 8 contract that pays the government’s share of your apartment rent at _____ (name of project) ____ expires on (one year from date of this letter).

Although there will be no immediate change in your rental assistance, we are required to inform you of our intended actions when the contract expires one year from now.

This letter is to notify you that we do not intend to renew the current Section 8 contract when it expires.

Since we do not intend to renew this project-based contract upon its expiration, it is our understanding that, if Congress makes funds available (which it has in the past and is expected to in the future), the Department of Housing and Urban Development will provide all eligible tenants currently residing in a Section 8 project-based assisted unit with tenant-based assistance. Unlike the current project-based Section 8 contract, Section 8 vouchers are issued to the tenants and allows them to choose the place they wish to rent. The Section 8 voucher program is administered by local Public Housing Authorities. Federal law allows you to elect to continue living at this property provided that the unit, the rent, and we, the owners, meet the requirements of the Section 8 tenant-based assistance program. As an Owner, we will honor your right as a tenant to remain at the property on this basis as long as it continues to be offered as rental housing, provided that there is no cause for eviction under Federal, State or local law.

You will also have the opportunity to choose another development or single family house in which to move provided that the new landlord will accept the voucher and the owner and the unit meet Section 8 tenant-based program requirements.

Please remember that project-based Section 8 rental assistance will continue to be provided on your behalf for one year. In addition, we may agree to a renewal of the project-based contract with HUD, thus avoiding contract termination altogether.
Appendix 11-1(cont.)

Approximately four months (120 days) before the expiration of the Section 8 contract, HUD requires that we confirm our final decision to not renew this contract. Following this confirmation, you will be contacted by the local Public Housing Authority (PHA) to determine your household’s eligibility for tenant-based assistance. If you intend to apply for Section 8 tenant-based rental assistance you should not move from your current unit until you have consulted with the local PHA about your eligibility for tenant-based assistance.

If you have any questions or would like information on the Section 8 Program, the following sources may be of assistance:

Contract Administrator (if applicable)
Name: 
Telephone Number: 

HUD Field Office
Name: 
Telephone Number: 

HUD Web
http://hud.gov - click on “rental help.”

Sincerely,

(Owner) (contact info)

cc: Local HUD Office/ (Contract Administrator)