



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of the Assistant Secretary
for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
451 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20410-2000

July 29, 2026

The Equal Protection Project of the Legal Insurrection Foundation
C/O: William A. Jacobson, Esq. President
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Dear President Jacobson:

Subject: Housing Discrimination Complaint
 The Equal Protection Project of the Legal Insurrection Foundation v.
 The University of Massachusetts
 Inquiry No. 895746
 Fair Housing Act Case No. 00-26-5106-8
 Title VI Case No.: 00-26-5106-6

Your complaint, alleging one or more discriminatory housing practices, was officially filed on July 29, 2026, as a complaint under the Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 3601-3619. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status and disability. For your records, we are enclosing a copy of your complaint, and, as required by law, a copy has been sent to the respondent.

The respondent organization is a recipient of Federal financial assistance, and the complaint will be investigated under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U. S. C. 2000d - 2000d-4] as amended. Title VI states:

No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of 1) the rights you have during the processing of this complaint, 2) the rights each respondent has in responding to this complaint, and 3) the steps the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (the Department) will take to determine whether the complaint has merit.

In order to ensure that the Department informs you properly of the law's requirements, this notification letter contains language required by the law. A similar letter is used to notify all parties whenever a formal complaint has been filed with the Department under the Fair Housing Act.

The Fair Housing Act and its regulations set out what steps we must take when a formal complaint is filed. The law also includes steps that each respondent can take to answer or refute the allegations of this complaint.

A respondent can file an answer to this complaint, or any amendment made to this complaint within 10 calendar days of receipt of the Department's notification letter to him or her. Each respondent's answer must be signed and affirmed that the response is truthful by including the statement "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct." A respondent can, with the agreement of the Department, amend his or her answer at any time during the investigation.

Our responsibility under the law is to undertake an impartial investigation and, at the same time, encourage all sides to reach an agreement to resolve the complaint, where appropriate, through conciliation. The law requires us to complete our investigation within 100 days of the date of the official filing of the complaint. If we are unable to meet the 100-day requirement for issuing a determination, the law requires that we notify you and the respondent and explain the reasons why the investigation of the complaint is not completed.

In handling this complaint, we will conduct an impartial investigation of all claims that the Fair Housing Act has been violated. If the investigation indicates that there is no jurisdiction for HUD to accept the complaint, the case will be dismissed. At any point, you can request that our staff assist you in conciliating (or settling) this complaint with the respondent. If the case is not resolved, we will complete our investigation and decide whether or not the evidence indicates that there has been a fair housing violation. If the parties involved have not reached an agreement to settle the complaint, the Department will issue a determination as to whether or not there is reasonable cause to believe a discriminatory housing practice has occurred.

If our investigation indicates that there is reasonable cause to believe that an unlawful discriminatory housing practice has occurred, the Department must issue a charge. If the investigation indicates there is no reasonable cause to believe that discrimination has occurred, the complaint will be dismissed. In either event, you will be notified in writing.

If the determination is one of reasonable cause, the notification will advise you and the respondent of your rights to choose, within 20 days, whether you wish to have the case heard by an Administrative Law Judge, or to have the matter referred for trial in the appropriate U.S. District Court.

Even if the Department dismisses the complaint, you still have the right to bring an individual suit under the Fair Housing Act. You may file your lawsuit in an appropriate federal, state or local court within two years of the date of the alleged discriminatory practice or of the date when

a conciliation agreement has been violated. This two-year period does not include any of the time when your complaint is pending with the Department. You also have the legal right to file a lawsuit in court, even if your complaint formed the basis for a charge, as long as an Administrative Law Judge has not started a hearing on the record with respect to the charge.

There may be other applicable federal, state or local statutes under which you and/or the respondent may initiate court action. You may consult a private attorney in this regard.

The law also requires us to notify you that section 818 of the Fair Housing Act makes it unlawful for a respondent or anyone else to coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with you in your exercise or enjoyment of, any right granted or protected under the Fair Housing Act. The law also makes it illegal for anyone to coerce, threaten or interfere with you for your having aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right or protection granted to them under the Fair Housing Act.

If you have any questions regarding this case, please contact our office at hqfheo_osi@hud.gov. Please refer to the case number at the top of this letter in those contacts, and keep this office advised of any change of your address or telephone number. We hope this information has been helpful to you.

Sincerely,

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