

Dear Complainant or Respondent:

Subject: Inquiry No. _____

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administratively enforces the Fair Housing Act, as amended (“the Act”), 42 U.S.C. § 3601-19. The Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, occupancy, advertising, financing, appraising or insuring of residential dwellings because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin.

Before commencing an investigation under the Act, HUD must verify its jurisdiction to investigate the complainant’s allegations. The complainant alleges that the respondent denied his/her request for a reasonable accommodation concerning a smart meter. After reviewing the allegations in this matter, HUD has concluded that it lacks jurisdiction in the above-referenced inquiry. Accordingly, HUD has administratively closed this matter.

This is not a determination on the merits of the allegations contained in the complaint.

Right to file a civil lawsuit. Notwithstanding this letter, the complainant may file a civil lawsuit in an appropriate federal district court or state court within two years of the date on which the alleged discriminatory housing practice occurred or ended. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 3613. The computation of this two-year period does not include the time during which this administrative proceeding was pending with HUD. If, upon the application of either party, the court determines that the party is financially unable to bear the costs of the civil lawsuit, the court may appoint an attorney, or may authorize the commencement of or continuation of the civil lawsuit without the payment of fees, costs, or security.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the point of contact listed below for assistance.

Sincerely,