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To: Representative Topper McFaun
From: Charles W. Castle, PHM Executive Director
Subject: **Food Insecurity in Public Housing**
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Topper:

The Barre Housing Authority owns and manages 7 Public Housing properties in Barre City and Barre town, VT. These encompass 365 units or apartments funded by HUD and heavily subsidized. The residents of our Public Housing are elders, younger adults with disabilities and low-income families with children. I estimate we house 500 people in total at all of our properties and each household is of low and extremely low income by HUD guidelines on eligibility.

Food insecurity is a way of life for many tenants.

My proposal would be to feed all 500 residents for one week. Every household member would get three meals per day for seven days.

I broke this group of 500 into 2 categories:

- 1) 350 people who can cook on their own would get 3 meals per day, seven days per week delivered groceries at a cost of \$20.00/day or \$140.00 for a week.
- 2) 150 persons would need 3 prepared meals a day delivered to their apartments. This would cost \$30.00 per day or \$140.00 per week.

$350 \times \$140.00 = \$49,000.00$

$150 \times \$210.00 = \$31,500.00$

Total request = \$80,500.00

\$80,500.00 divided by 500 people = \$161.00 per person.

Thank you for your continued interest in Public Housing residents.