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Dear Housing Choice Landlord:

We appreciate your participation as a landlord on our program. In an effort to ensure the integrity of our program, we would like to advise you of a scam targeting landlords.

A landlord affiliated with another Public Housing Authority's HCV Program was recently the victim of a scam. An unidentified person telephoned the landlord, and told him he was in danger of being removed from the program because he missed a mandatory landlord meeting. He was told he would have to pay \$9.95 for a landlord certification to keep his property on the program. The fee was to be paid by credit card. The caller ID indicated the call was from the Housing Authority. Unfortunately, he complied and significant financial damage was done.

Mobile Housing Board has not been alerted of any similar incident in the state of Alabama however; often times they may move geographically and even across similar target groups. No Mobile Housing Board Housing Choice Voucher Program official will ever contact you and request credit card information.

We are providing this information to alert you of this unfortunate scam targeting landlords. Please do not hesitate to contact our office at 434-2300 or email at [landlords@mobilehousing.org](mailto:landlords@mobilehousing.org) should you need additional information.

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