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Manager of Leasing and Occupancy
Minneapolis Public Housing Authority
1001 Washington Ave. N.
Minneapolis, MN 55401

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RE: Application of ██████████
Reasonable Accommodation Request

Dear Ms. ████████:

Mr. ████████ requests a reasonable accommodation regarding the bases for denial of his application for public housing dated December 30, 2008.

The MPHA's December 30, 2008 eligibility denial finds Mr. ████████ ineligible for MPHA public housing based on incidents of criminal history.

Mr. ████████ has mental health disabilities including schizophrenia. At the time of the criminal history incidents referred to in the MPHA's December 30, 2008 denial letter he was not receiving appropriate mental health services for these disabilities. The criminal incidents are the result of the untreated symptoms of his disabilities.

Mr. ████████ asks that the MPHA modify its policies regarding criminal history as a reasonable accommodation of his disabilities and eliminate these incidents as bases for denial of his eligibility. Mr. ████████ is now receiving appropriate treatment and services for his disabilities. He has not engaged in the criminal behavior at issue since receiving this treatment. He will continue the treatment and use of social services that contribute to his health and law-abiding and lease-compliant behavior.

Mr. ████████ has asked his mental health services providers to send the verification to support this reasonable accommodation request. We have not received that information at this time but are following up with those providers on Mr. ████████'s behalf to get that information to you as soon as possible.

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Sincerely,

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