Are You a Victim of HOUSING DISCRIMINATION?

If you have been denied your housing rights... you may have experienced unlawful discrimination.

Send this form to USDA or to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at one of the following addresses. If you are unable to complete this form, you may call the USDA Rural Development Office of Civil Rights, in Washington, DC, at (202) 692-0097.

1. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
   1400 Independence Ave.
   Washington, DC 20250

2. USDA Director
   Office of Operations
   Room 1375-S
   1400 Independence Ave.
   Washington, DC 20250

3. Director, Office of Civil Rights
   USDA Rural Development
   Stop 0703
   14th St. & Independence Avenue, SW
   Washington, DC 20250-0703; or

4. Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
   U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
   Washington, DC 20410; or

5. Any U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regional Office.

www.rd.usda.gov
1 (800) 670-6553 (toll free)

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.
Under the Fair Housing Act, it is against the law to:

- Refuse to rent to you or sell you housing
- Tell you housing is unavailable when in fact it is available
- Show you apartments or homes only in certain neighborhoods
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- Advertise housing to preferred groups of people only
- Refuse to provide you with information regarding mortgage loans, destroy a mortgage loan, or impose different terms or conditions on a mortgage loan
- Deny you property insurance
- Conduct property appraisals in a discriminatory manner
- Refuse to let you make reasonable modifications to your dwelling or accessible common use areas, at your expense, if it may be necessary for you to fully use the housing. (Where reasonable, a landlord may permit changes only if you agree to restore the property to its original condition when you move.
- Refuse to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services if it may be necessary for you to use the housing on an equal basis with nondisabled persons
- Fail to design and construct housing in an accessible manner
- Harass, coerce, intimidate, or interfere with anyone exercising or assisting someone else with his/her fair housing rights

It is unlawful to discriminate in housing based on these factors:
- Race
- Color
- National origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Disability
- Familial status (families with children under the age of 18, or who are expecting a child)

If you believe your rights have been violated...

- USDA or a state or local fair housing agency is ready to help you file a complaint.
- After your information is received, USDA or a state or local fair housing agency will contact you to discuss the concerns you raise.

Instructions: (Please type or print) Read this form carefully. Try to answer all questions. If you do not know the answer or a question does not apply to you, leave the space blank. You have 1 year from the date of the alleged discrimination to file a complaint. Sign and date your form.

What happened to you?

How were you discriminated against? For example: Were you refused an opportunity to rent or buy housing? Denied a loan? Told that housing was not available when in fact it was? Treated differently from others seeking housing? State briefly what happened.

Why do you think you are a victim of housing discrimination?

Is it because of your:
- Race
- Color
- National origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Disability
- Familial status (families with children under the age of 18)

For example: Were you denied housing because of your race? Were you denied a mortgage loan because of your religion? Or turned down for an apartment because you have children? Briefly explain why you think your housing rights were denied and circle the factor(s) listed above that you believe apply.

Who do you believe discriminated against you?

For example: Was it a landlord, owner, bank, real estate agent, broker, company, or organization? Identify who you believe discriminated against you.

Who else can we call if we cannot reach you?  ______________________________________

Daytime Phone No.  ________________________ Evening Phone No. __________________

Contact’s Name:  _________________________ Best Time to call:  ___________________

Current Address:  ____________________________________________________________

City: __________________________________ State:  _______ ZIP Code: _____________

When did the last act of discrimination occur?

Enter the date:  ______________________________________________

Is the alleged discrimination continuing?  □ Yes  □ No

Signature:  ________________________________________________________________

Housing Information

Your Name:  ________________________________________________________________

Your Address:  _____________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________  State:  _______   ZIP Code: _______________

Best time to call:

Your Daytime Phone No. __________________________ Evening Phone No. __________________

Who else can we call if we cannot reach you?

Contact’s Name:  _________________________ Best Time to call:  ___________________

Your Daytime Phone No. __________________________ Evening Phone No. __________________

City: __________________________________ State:  _______ ZIP Code: _____________

Where did the alleged act of discrimination occur?

For example: Was it at a rental unit? Single family home?

Public or Assisted Housing? A mobile home?

Did it occur at a bank or other lending institution? Provide the address

Address: ________________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________  State:  _______ ZIP Code: _____________

Are you a victim of housing discrimination?

The American Dream of having a safe and decent place to call ‘home’ reflects our shared belief that in this nation, opportunity and success are within everyone’s reach. Under our Fair Housing laws, every citizen is assured the opportunity to build a better life in the home or apartment of their choice — regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status or disability.”