



Anxiety is Rising for Millions of Renters on Government Housing

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“Somewhere in the U.S., there's a single mother who works two jobs to provide for her young child. She works hard — really hard, but it's still not enough. She doesn't earn a salary to keep up with the high rents in her city, so a portion of her rent is subsidized with a federally funded voucher. It's a lifeline. Every month, it keeps her motivated to keep going so she can better her financially fragile situation. She rests at night with hope that tomorrow will provide more certainly. She hopes her child won't feel her burden and anxiety. That was then. Today, her anxiety is rising, and she is not be alone. In fact, nearly 5 million others are now learning that their housing vouchers in the coming months are hanging in the balance, caught-up in the longest government shutdown in U.S history.”

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