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ACT NOW TO GET \$30,000 TO SAVE YOUR HOME

JAMES VANLEUVEN
CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER

Dear Friend:

This letter is to inform you of a new program to help pay your delinquent property taxes up to \$30,000 if you have faced a hardship preventing you from paying your property taxes.

The program is called the “Step Forward Michigan Loan Rescue Program,” and as of January 15, 2013, it will help some eligible homeowners pay off their delinquent taxes.

You may be eligible if the following criteria apply to you:

1. **Owner Occupied Homes Only** – You must live in your home, no land contracts.
2. **Delinquent Taxes** – You must owe delinquent taxes, interest, or fees on that home.
3. **Hardship** – You must face a hardship preventing you from paying taxes.
4. **Cash Reserves** – No more than 1.5 times the annual property tax amount on hand.

All applicants are strongly encouraged to apply with the help of a certified housing counselor from our partner agencies, including: Community and Home Improvement, Oakland County, Community Housing Network, JVS, Lighthouse, New Hope, OLHSA, and Southwest Housing Solutions, with legal services by University of Detroit-Mercy Legal Aid Clinic.

With the help of your certified housing counselor, you will apply for the “Step Forward Michigan Loan Rescue Program” online at www.stepforwardmichigan.org or by calling 866-946-7432. Please contact Deputy Treasurer Lauren Bloom in our office at 248-858-0624 to get connected with a certified housing counselor and begin the application process.

Taxpayers with delinquent taxes from 2010 or prior must still schedule a Taxpayer Assistance Meeting with our office to arrange a payment plan and prevent foreclosure.

Sincerely,

Andy Meisner
Oakland County Treasurer

SEE REVERSE FOR LIST OF PARTNER AGENCIES

CERTIFIED HOUSING COUNSELORS

Community & Home Improvement, Oakland County
250 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Suite 1900, Pontiac 48341
(248) 858-1891

Community Housing Network
570 Kirts Blvd., Suite 231, Troy 48084
Step Forward Michigan Hotline
(248) 269-1330

JVS
29699 Southfield Rd., Southfield 48076
James Pawlak (248) 233-4243
Clarissa McMillon (248) 233-4482
Beth Martinez (248) 233-4422

Lighthouse
46156 Woodward Ave., Pontiac 48342
Sherman Williams
(248) 920-6060 Ext. 2409

New Hope Community Development
19487 Evergreen Road, Detroit 48219
(313) 255-6275

OLHSA
196 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Pontiac 48343
Autumn Butler (248) 209-2797
Elena Steek (248) 209-2644

Southwest Housing Counseling Solutions
3627 W Vernor, Detroit 48216
Main Line (313) 841-9641
Tina Ellis (313) 297-0065

LEGAL AID

University of Detroit-Mercy Law Clinics
651 E. Jefferson, Detroit 48226
Professor Joon Sung (313) 596-9847