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**TO: ALL PARTICIPATING LENDERS**

**SUBJECT: TAX REFORM – MARYLAND HOMECREDIT PROGRAM**

As you are likely aware, Congress is currently debating plans for comprehensive tax reform. One proposal being debated in the House of Representatives, Section 3601 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (H.R. 1), would eliminate Private Activity Bonds. If this provision were included in the final enacted version of the bill, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development would no longer be able to issue Maryland HomeCredit Program certificates after December 31, 2017 - even if the reservation of the credit were done prior to that date. A version being debated in the United States Senate Committee on Finance currently preserves Private Activity Bonds and would require no changes to the Maryland HomeCredit Program.

We will continue to monitor the legislative process and will take programmatic action if needed. We value your partnership with the Maryland Mortgage Program and will do all we can to keep you informed as this issue develops.

As always, we appreciate your continued participation in our programs.

If you have any questions concerning this Notification or suggestions for improvements, please email [singlefamilyhousing.dhcd@maryland.gov](mailto:singlefamilyhousing.dhcd@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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