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December 2, 2025

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy Jr.  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Kennedy,

I am requesting an update on the Part 1303 facilities grant application submitted on April 16, 2025, by Klamath Family Head Start in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Six months have passed since the program submitted a complete application to pay off an outstanding loan and purchase its facility, yet it has not received a response from the Office of Head Start (OHS). This delay is now urgent: the lender has notified the program that the mortgage will only be extended through December 18, 2025, putting the facility at imminent risk.

Klamath Family Head Start has been a trusted Head Start provider since 1980. This facility is the program's main hub: nine classrooms, home-based services, family support, transportation, nutrition, mental-health services, and nearly all administrative staff are housed there. One hundred eighty children and families in rural Oregon use this facility daily. It is supported by over 40 staff members. If the program is forced into an eviction or emergency relocation, Oregon families will be negatively impacted.

Please provide an update on the status of this Part 1303 request and indicate when OHS expects to complete its review. With the lender's deadline approaching, a timely response is essential to avoid unnecessary disruptions for Oregon children and the staff who support them. Do not hesitate to reach out to my D.C. office if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cliff Bentz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cliff Bentz  
Member of Congress