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Dear New Hampshire tax collector:

We at 603 Legal Aid and NH Legal Assistance want to help homeowners who are having trouble paying their property taxes. We understand that if a tax lien is on record and unpaid for two years, the town or city is entitled to take the property with a tax deed and the owner loses their home. This is a tragedy for the homeowner, and a loss of revenue for the municipality.

A new statewide program is available to help homeowners who have experienced difficulty paying their mortgage or property taxes as the result of a COVID-related financial hardship. The **NH Homeowner Assistance Fund** is a federally funded program through the NH Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery and is administered by New Hampshire Housing. Information on this program, and a link to the application, is available at [HomeHelpNH.org](https://www.nhhfa.org). Additional flyers are available at <https://www.nhhfa.org/nh-homeowner-assistance-fund-toolkit/>

If a resident in your town is behind on their mortgage or property taxes, the NH Homeowner Assistance Fund may be able to help. We would appreciate it if you would consider including these materials with your notices of impending tax liens and impending tax deeds. 603 Legal Aid is also available to help homeowners apply for the NH Homeowner Assistance Fund program, even if they don't have internet. Resolving tax delinquencies with the NH Homeowner Assistance Fund saves homes, and also increases revenue to towns and cities.

If you want more information, please contact NHLA's Ian Russell at (603) 224-4107, ext. 2306. Please say you are calling about the NH Homeowner Assistance Fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sonya Bellafant'.

Sonya Bellafant, Executive Director, 603 Legal Aid

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sarah Mattson Dustin'.

Sarah Mattson Dustin, Executive Director, NH Legal Assistance