

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

In the Matter of:

Jonathan and Angela Hart,

Petitioners.

24-VH-0166-AG-119

721016668

May 13, 2024

RULING ON MOTION TO REOPEN AND ORDER

NOW COMES before the Court, on February 23, 2024, a request for a hearing that the Court instead deems to be the Petitioner's *Motion to Reopen* the previous *Decision and Order*, 20-VH-0209-AG-123, Claim #721016668, issued on September 17, 2021. The Court previously held that the Secretary was authorized to seek collection of Petitioners' debt to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by means of administrative wage garnishment to the extent authorized by law.

In their *Motion*, Petitioners requested "with or without representation, is there any opportunity for us to reinstate this "loan." Or work out an affordable payment plan as to not find ourselves in a situation where wages will be garnished? I am extremely concerned that as the interest continues to grow on this[,] we will find ourselves hundreds of thousands of dollars further in debt." This Court, under its governing regulations, is not authorized to extend, recommend, or accept any repayment plan or settlement offer on behalf of HUD or to reinstate loans on behalf of HUD.

As noted in the *Decision and Order*, the options offered by Petitioners – the alternative repayment plan or their request to reinstate the loan – are beyond the scope of the Court's jurisdiction. Petitioners may wish to negotiate repayment terms with the U.S. Department of Treasury that is authorized to negotiate and accept settlement offers related to the debt owed. The Department of Treasury can be reached at 1-888-826-3127. Petitioners may also consider contacting the Director of HUD Financial Operations Center, 52 Corporate Circle, Albany, NY 12203- 5121, who may be reached at 1-800-669-5152, extension 2859; or request a review of their financial status by submitting to the HUD Office a Title I Financial Statement (HUD Form 56142).

Based on the foregoing, the Petitioners' *Motion to Reopen* is **DENIED**. It is hereby **ORDERED** that the *Decision and Order*, 20-VH-0209-AG-123, Claim #721016668, issued in this matter on September 17, 2021, shall remain IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT and SHALL NOT BE MODIFIED by this Court.

SO ORDERED.



Vanessa L. Hall
Administrative Judge