

RIVERDALE, MD – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) joined U.S Housing and Urban Development

On July 27, HUD announced that \$79 million is available for a broad range of housing counseling programs.

Below are Congressman Hoyer's remarks as prepared for delivery:

"The past few years have been very difficult for many Americans, and I know housing counselors have

"During the last 3 months of the Bush Administration, we lost, on average, 726,000 jobs. In the last 3 months

"Moving forward, we will continue to address job creation and help Americans get back to work. The picture

"As of the end of June, the Home Affordable Modification Program, or HAMP, had facilitated about 400,000

"That is why I am pleased to stand here with Secretary Donovan to announce the Department's increase

"In closing, I want to say thank you to Maryland housing counselors for their efforts. The interactions you

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