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**PHA's President & CEO Kelvin A. Jeremiah Releases Statement Regarding
the Passing of Philadelphia Housing Activist Jennifer Bennetch**

(Philadelphia, PA – (February 19, 2022) – The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) has released the following statement from President and CEO Kelvin A. Jeremiah regarding the death of housing activist and Philadelphia Community Land Trust (PCLT) founder, Jennifer Bennetch.

“The passing of Jennifer Bennetch truly saddened the Philadelphia Housing Authority,” Jeremiah said. “She was a relentless advocate for affordable housing and a fearless champion for the populations we serve. Each of us needs people in our lives who ask us to do more than we think is possible. Jennifer asked PHA and this City to find better ways to serve the homeless and provide housing to those who have fallen upon hard times.

“During our conversations, we came up with the idea of partnering with Jennifer and working with her to build her organization’s capacity to maintain and manage affordable units. In December, the first homeless families moved into the units PHA built, with Jennifer’s team at Philadelphia Community Land Trust managing them. None of this would have been possible without the steadfast commitment of Ms. Bennetch and her team to establish an entity to serve others. She has left the city a great legacy. Know that her fight and her commitment will remain within PHA.”

“Our deepest condolences to Jennifer’s family, especially her children. Her memory is blessing to those who knew and loved her. May her soul rest in eternal peace.”

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The Philadelphia Housing Authority’s mission is to open doors to affordable housing, economic opportunity and safe, sustainable communities to benefit Philadelphia residents with low incomes.