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COMBATING A CRISIS: Legal Aid Attends White House Summit

KENTUCKY— Legal Aid of the Bluegrass (LABG) Executive Director, Joshua Crabtree, participated in a White House Summit on Eviction Prevention on June 30th, 2021. He says of the summit, “The looming eviction crisis presents an opportunity for leaders around the nation to collectively respond to one of the largest hurdles of the pandemic recovery.” Joshua joined a delegation of mayors, court officials, legal services organizations, local bar associations, and other community-based organizations from the Commonwealth to develop a plan to prevent evictions brought upon by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In the next few months, as renters experience the effects of the moratorium ending, the summit’s participants hope that their collaborative efforts will result in fewer Kentuckians experiencing evictions, or as a result, homelessness.

The event, held on June 30th, 2021, featured senior Biden-Harris Administration officials and presentations from Emily Benfer of Wake Forest University Law School, Danielle Hirsch of the National Center for the State Courts, and Diane Yentel of the National Low Income Housing Coalition. Participants then joined breakout groups to brainstorm ways in which evictions can be prevented in their respective communities.

LABG provides high-quality civil legal services for low-income individuals in 33 Kentucky counties, which includes a commitment to protecting tenants from eviction.

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