

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

In the Matter of:

**Mari Tullis**

Petitioner.

19-AM-0045-AO-014

7-21014285OB

September 24, 2019

**RULING AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

The Secretary has filed a *Motion to Dismiss* Petitioner's appeal on the grounds that, on July 2, 2019, Petitioner filed a Chapter 7 Petition in Bankruptcy before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan. Petitioner's Chapter 7 filing allegedly encompasses Petitioner's alleged debt in this case. *Id.*

This appeal is thus subject to the automatic stay provisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §701, *et seq.* Accordingly, the *Secretary's Motion to Dismiss* is GRANTED. It is

**ORDERED** that Petitioner's appeal is hereby **DISMISSED**, *without prejudice*. The Stay of Referral to the U.S. Department of the Treasury entered on February 6, 2019, is **VACATED**.

**SO ORDERED,**



H. ALEXANDER MANUEL  
Administrative Judge

**APPEAL NOTICE:** You have the right to move for reconsideration of this case before the HUD Office of Hearings and Appeals within 20 days of the date of this ruling or decision; or, thereafter, to reopen this case. Ordinarily, such motions will not be granted unless you can demonstrate that you have new evidence to present that could not have been previously presented. You may also appeal this decision to the appropriate United States District Court. For wage garnishments cases, See 24 C.F.R. § 17.81, 31 C.F.R. § 285.119f), and 5 U.S.C. 701, *et seq.* For administrative offset cases, See 24 C.F.R. § 17.73(a), and 5 U.S.C. § 701, *et seq.*