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- Monitoring North Carolina and federal legislative activities affecting public housing authorities;
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