



# TALKING POINTS

## AMERICAN HOUSING AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY ACT

1. There is a national shortage of 7 million rental homes for America's 10.9 million extremely low-income households affecting every community across the country.
2. For housing data for your state, see <https://nlihc.org/housing-needs-by-state>.
3. The American Housing and Economic Mobility Act (AHEMA) Directly addresses this shortage by investing \$445 billion over 10 years (nearly \$45 billion annually) to the national Housing Trust Fund (HTF) to build, preserve, and operate rental homes affordable to families with the greatest needs.
4. It expands the Fair Housing Act to remove barriers to housing choice and opportunities for low-income families and individuals.
5. AHEMA makes it easier for low-income families to use federal housing benefits – such as housing vouchers – to rent homes in neighborhoods with good schools and jobs.
6. The proposal provides incentives to encourage local governments to address regulatory and zoning barriers to improve rental affordability for the middle class.
7. It increases funding to HUD's Indian Housing Block Grants, the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant Program, and USDA Rural Housing programs to preserve existing and create additional affordable homes in these communities.
8. AHEMA also includes measures to reverse racial inequity and additional resources to strengthen neighborhoods.
9. The costs in this proposal would be paid for by reforming the federal estate tax, paid by some of America's wealthiest individuals.



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### ASK:

Please support this bold solution and others like it to help end housing poverty and homelessness in America.

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