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May 5, 2014

The Honorable Jack Reed
The Honorable Charles Schumer
The Honorable Robert Menendez
The Honorable Sherrod Brown
The Honorable Jeff Merkley
The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
The United States Senate
Washington, DC

Dear Senators,

With the mark-up of the Johnson-Crapo housing finance reform bill in the coming days, the Senate Banking Committee has the historic opportunity to make the **largest investment in housing for the poorest Americans** in a generation. We urge you to seize this moment and make sure that the bill passes out of committee with the momentum needed to move forward to a vote on the Senate floor this year.

The bill would assess a ten basis point fee on guaranteed securities, estimated to generate approximately \$5 billion a year when fully implemented. Three quarters would be directed to the National Housing Trust Fund, which must be used to create more rental homes that are affordable to extremely low income households. Today, there are ten million extremely low income renter households and only three million homes available at prices they can afford. This is the **nation's most pressing housing problem** and it is the problem that the National Housing Trust Fund is designed to solve.

We know that you support the National Housing Trust Fund and the bill's provisions that fund it, for which we are very grateful. We also know that you have not yet offered your support for the bill itself. We understand that you have concerns about how well the proposed new housing finance system would serve low and moderate income home buyers, including people of color. These are extremely important issues and we understand and sympathize with your concerns.

We believe it is possible to find common ground to resolve these issues and preserve the bipartisan agreement that Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Crapo have achieved. In doing so, you would make possible the desperately needed investment in rental housing for extremely low income seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, low wage workers, and families with children who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

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For their sake, we **strongly urge you to continue to negotiate** until, together, you craft a bill that you will support. Millions of people are counting on you to keep working until you get to “yes.”

This is a moment to do something monumental that rarely is possible today. Please do not let it pass by.

Sincerely,

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National Organizations

Catholic Charities USA
Coalition on Human Needs
Community Action Partnership
Consortium for Citizens With Disabilities Housing Task Force
Corporation for Supportive Housing
Council of Large Public Housing Agencies
Elderly Housing Development & Operations Corporation
Enterprise Community Partners
First Focus Campaign for Children
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Housing Assistance Council
The Housing Partnership Network
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Lutheran Services in America
Mercy Housing
National AIDS Housing Coalition
National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations
National Alliance to End Homelessness
National Alliance of HUD Tenants
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Center for Housing & Child Welfare
National Coalition for the Homeless
National Community Development Association
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Housing Law Project
National Housing Trust
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National Manufactured Home Owners Association
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
Policy and Race Research Action Council
Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future
Technical Assistance Collaborative
Union for Reform Judaism

Massachusetts Organizations

Alliance of Cambridge Tenants
Boston Center for Independent Living
Boston Public Health Commission
Bread & Roses Housing
The Caleb Group

Citizens' Housing and Planning Association
City of Northampton Housing Partnership
Domus Incorporated
Duffy Health Center
East Canton Street Apartments
Germantown Neighborhood Center
Hearth
Home City Housing
Homes for Families
Human Service News and Information TV Program, CCTV
Lowell Transitional Living Center
LUK, Inc.
Mass Alliance of HUD Tenants
Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Massachusetts Union of Public Housing Tenants
New England Communities, Inc.
North Shore Moving Market
Sisters of Providence
Somerville Homeless Coalition
Wellspring House, Inc.

New Jersey Organizations

32 Beach Productions
BCM Affordable Housing, Inc.
Bergen County's United Way
Camden County Office on Economic Opportunity, Inc.
The Center for Great Expectations
Church of God in Christ For All Saints
Civic League of Greater New Brunswick
Coastal Habitat for Humanity
Community Access Unlimited
Community Action Services
Coming Home of Middlesex County, Inc.
CWA Local 1081
Diocesan Housing Services of the Diocese of Camden
Edison Housing Authority
Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey
Family Promise of Southern Ocean County
FISH Hospitality Program, Inc.
Habitat for Humanity of Salem County
Housing & Community Development Network of New Jersey
Hudson County Affordable Housing Coalition
Ironbound Community Corporation
Isles, Inc.
Jersey Counseling & Housing Development, Inc.
Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey
Madison Housing Authority
Monarch Housing Associates
New Jersey Affordable Housing Development Coalition
New Jersey Association on Correction

New Jersey Coalition to End Homelessness
New Jersey Community Capital
New Jersey Tenants Organization
Newark/Essex Foreclosure Taskforce
Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity
Partnerships for People
Pennrose Properties
Princeton Community Housing
Progressive Democrats of America - New Jersey
R B Coe Consulting LLC
Reformed Church of Highland Park Affordable Housing Corporations
Senior Consulting LLC
St. Joseph Social Service Center
Stanley S. Holmes Village Resident Council, Inc.
Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey
United Passaic Organization
Volunteers of America Delaware Valley

New York Organizations

100 West 16th Street Block Association
Access to Independence of Cortland County, Inc.
AIM Independent Living Center
Albany Community Land Trust
Albany Housing Coalition, Inc.
Arbor Housing and Development
Association of Tenants of Lincoln Towers
The Bridge
Camden County Office on Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc.
Catholic Family Center
City of Oswego Community Development Office
Coalition for the Homeless
Common Ground
Community Housing Innovations
Community Service Society of New York
Family Nurturing Center
Finger Lakes Independence Center
Gateway Community Industries, Inc.
Good Shepherd Services
Greater Syracuse Tenants Network
Habitat for Humanity New York City
Habitat for Humanity of New York State
Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins and Cortland Counties
Hour Children
Housing and Services, Inc.
Housing Coalition Against Downsizing
Housing Options & Geriatric Association Resources, Inc.
Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley
Janel Towers Tenants Association
Johnson Park Center
Kenfield-Langfield Resident Council

Keuka Housing Council, Inc.
Kips Bay Court Tenants Association
Lakeview Mental Health Services, Inc.
Loeb House, Inc.
Long Island Center for Independent Living
Massena Housing Authority
Mega Contracting
Mount Vernon United Tenants
NAMI - Queens/Nassau
Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter, Inc.
New Destiny Housing Corporation
New York Association on Independent Living
New York State Assemblyman Richard Gottfried
O'Dwyer Gardens Resident Association
P.C.C.B. Inc., dba Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of West New York
The Philmont Hearth, Inc.
Pratt Area Community Council, Inc.
Resource Center for Accessible Living, Inc.
RUPCO
Rutgers Resident Association
Safe Harbors of the Hudson Cornerstone Residence
Same Boat Coalition
Saugerties Public Housing Authority
S.L.A., Inc.
Southern Tier Environments for Living
Supportive Housing Network of New York
Tenants & Neighbors
Tenants Political Action Committee
Tompkins Community Action
Unique People Services, Inc.
United Tenants of Albany
Unity House of Troy
Warren Washington Association for Mental Health
West End Residences HDFC, Inc.
Westgate Tenants Association at Stonehenge Village
Westhab, Inc.
YWCA of Binghamton & Broome County
YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.

Ohio Organizations

Beatitude House
CDC Association of Greater Cincinnati
Christ House of Hope
Cincinnati Jurisdiction-Wide Residents Council
Cleveland City Councilman Tony Brancatelli
Cleveland Housing Network
Cleveland Tenants Organization
Coalition on Housing and Homelessness in Ohio
Community Action Commission of Fayette County
Del-Mor Dwellings Corporation
East Cleveland Transitional Housing

Fairfield Homes, Inc.
Family & Community Services, Inc.
Firelands Habitat for Humanity
Friendship New Vision, Inc.
Graceworks Housing Services
Habitat for Humanity of Medina County
Homes on the Hill Community Development Corporation
Housing Solutions of Greene County, Inc.
Humility of Mary Housing
Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati
Mosyjowski & Associates Engineers LLC
Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless
Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing
Over-the-Rhine Community Housing
RH Brown Co.
The Salvation Army
Samaritan Center for Transitional Housing
Soapbox Infoshop
Solidarity, Cincinnati Branch
Sunshine of Warren-Trumbull Area, Inc.
Tri-County Independent Living Center, Inc.
Wallick Communities
We Need Housing

Oregon Organization

CASA of Oregon
Community Alliance of Tenants
Community Partners for Affordable Housing
Cornerstone Community Housing
Hacienda Community Development Corporation
Housing Authority of Yamhill County
Housing and Community Services Agency of Lane County
Judith E Pachal Properties
Northeast Oregon Housing Authority
Northwest Pilot Project
Oregon Center for Public Policy
Oregon Housing Alliance
Oregon Opportunity Network
Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc.
St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Inc.

Rhode Island Organizations

Barbara Sokoloff Associates, Inc.
Church Community Housing Corporation
Housing Action Coalition of Rhode Island
Housing Network of Rhode Island
NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley
Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless
Rhode Island Family Shelter, Inc.
Sojourner House
Women's Development Corporation