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## End Homelessness Build a Strong Foundation Strengthen Communities

**CALL CONGRESS AND ASK THEM TO END HOMELESSNESS  
AND HOUSING POVERTY ONCE AND FOR ALL**

### Senate Script

Hello, can I speak with the person in your office who handles tax issues?

My name is **[NAME]** and I am calling from **[Organization]** in **[City, State]**. I would like to urge Senator **[Name]** to support modest reforms to the Mortgage Interest Deduction and to reinvest the savings in critical rental housing programs that serve families with the greatest needs, like the national Housing Trust Fund and other rental assistance programs.

The Mortgage Interest Deduction costs \$70 billion a year and largely benefits America's highest income households. In fact, half of all homeowners receive no tax benefit from the Mortgage Interest Deduction, and almost all of those who benefit have incomes over \$100,000.

At the same time, federal solutions with a proven track record of reducing homelessness and housing poverty are sorely underfunded. As a result, just 1 in 4 poor families that are eligible for rental housing assistance get the help they need.

We can solve this crisis without adding any costs to the federal government by reforming the Mortgage Interest Deduction. The United for Homes campaign, which I endorse, lays out simple reforms that would give 15 million more homeowners a tax break—including many homeowners with low or moderate incomes—and would generate \$241 billion in savings to help families with extremely low incomes.

Now is the time. Please work with your colleagues to reprioritize and rebalance scarce federal housing resources to serve families with the greatest needs.

### House Script

Hello, can I speak with the person in your office who handles tax issues?

My name is **[NAME]** and I am calling from **[Organization]** in **[City, State]** in your district. I would like to urge Representative **[Name]** to cosponsor the *Common Sense Housing Investment Act*, which calls for making modest reforms to the Mortgage Interest Deduction and reinvesting the savings in critical rental housing programs that serve families with the greatest needs, like the national Housing Trust Fund and other rental assistance programs.

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