NLIHC CALL SCRIPT FOR FEDERAL BUDGET & RECOVERY PACKAGE

YOUR ADVOCACY IS NEEDED!

Contact your senators and representative using the call script below and urge them to support significant investments in affordable homes!

PHONE NUMBER: 202-224-3121
(The operator will connect you to your senator and representative.)

Hello! My name is (First Name, Last Name) and I am a constituent of Representative (or Senator ________________). I’m calling today to urge (member of Congress) to take advantage of two important opportunities to make significant investments in affordable housing.

First, I ask you to use the annual appropriations process to provide the highest possible funding for affordable housing, including:

• $32.2 billion for the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program to renew all existing contracts and expand housing vouchers to an additional 200,000 households;
• $5.125 billion for the Public Housing Capital Fund to preserve public housing, and $5.06 billion for the Public Housing Operating Fund;
• $3.6 billion for HUD’s Homeless Assistance Grants program to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness;
• $100 million for legal assistance to prevent evictions; and
• $300 million for the competitive tribal housing program, targeted to tribes with the greatest needs.

Second, I ask you to support the historic housing investments proposed in last year’s “Build Back Better Act.” It is vital that (member of Congress) fight to ensure targeted housing resources remain in any reconciliation package that moves forward, including:

• $25 billion to expand housing vouchers to more than 300,000 households;
• $65 billion to preserve public housing for its 2 million residents; and
• $15 billion for the national Housing Trust Fund to build, preserve, and operate more than 150,000 units of affordable, accessible homes for households with the lowest incomes.

In my community, we need increased investments in affordable housing, especially for people with the greatest needs. (Explain - You can use NLIHC’s Gap or Out of Reach reports, but personal stories make a big impact too).