



## Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding

*Working to ensure maximum federal resources for housing and community development*

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Sherrod Brown  
Chair, Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
Urban Affairs  
The Honorable Tina Smith  
Chair, Subcommittee on T-HUD  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick J. Toomey  
Ranking Member, Committee on Banking,  
Housing, and Urban Affairs  
The Honorable Mike Rounds  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on T-HUD  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maxine Waters  
Chair, Committee on Financial Service  
The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver  
Chair, Subcommittee on HCDI  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Patrick McHenry  
Ranking Member, Committee on Financial  
Service  
The Honorable French Hill  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on HCDI  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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September 7, 2021

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leader McCarthy, Chair Brown, Chair Smith, Ranking Member Toomey, Ranking Member Rounds, Chair Waters, Chair Cleaver, Ranking Member McHenry, Ranking Member Hill,

The below members of the Steering Committee of the [Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding](#)<sup>\*</sup>, representing more than 70 national organizations in the housing and community development field, urge Congress to act expeditiously to enact the highest possible funding for affordable housing and community development programs in the forthcoming budget reconciliation package.

The House and Senate took important steps towards investing in our nation's critical housing and community development needs when both chambers adopted the \$3.5 trillion budget resolution. **It is essential that your Committees include the maximum amounts provided for by the budget resolution for affordable and accessible housing and community development programs as you draft your respective portions of the budget reconciliation package.** This is even more important since these priorities were not included in the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Like roads and bridges, affordable, accessible housing in strong, resourced communities is a long-term investment that provides families and individuals with low incomes the stability

needed to thrive, while furthering neighborhood revitalization. Our nation's long-standing lack of affordable and accessible housing and the need for additional community development resources has only been exacerbated by the hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic over the past year and a half. **Congress has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in the affordable housing and community development needs acutely felt by underserved people and communities across our country.** We urge you to seize this opportunity to make bold investments which improve the lives of millions of Americans and those living in the US.

Sincerely,

Center for Disability Rights  
Corporation for Supportive Housing  
Council of Large Public Housing Authorities  
Enterprise Community Partners  
LeadingAge  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials  
National Council of State Housing Agencies  
National Housing Law Project  
National Housing Trust  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future

\*More about the members, mission, and work of the [Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding](#).