NLIHC’s HoUSed Campaign for Long-Term Housing Solutions

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Outlook for the 118th Congress

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**Senator Sherrod Brown**

*Ohio*

United States Senate

*Chair*

Senate Banking, Housing, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee
Threats to HUD and USDA Affordable Housing & Homelessness Programs

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Memo to the 118th Congress

- Overview of the causes and solutions to America’s housing crisis
- Makes the case for the HoUSEd campaign policy agenda
- Identifies threats and opportunities to advance housing justice this year.

ADVANCING HOUSING JUSTICE IN THE 118TH CONGRESS

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Our Collective Advocacy Is More Important Than Ever

• Renters are faced with inflation, higher rents, and increased evictions and homelessness.

• We can - and must - defeat these threats AND build the political will for long-term solutions.
Budget Threats

• Republicans are calling for **deep budget cuts** to domestic programs, using the nation’s debt and a government shutdown as leverage.
Threats to HUD and USDA Affordable Housing & Homelessness Programs

Proposals to cap FY24 spending at FY22 levels could result in an average cut of 24% to domestic programs.

Non-Defense Discretionary Funding Could Be Cut Significantly Under House Republican Pledge to Reduce Total Appropriations to 2022 Levels

Cuts in non-defense discretionary (NDD) funding, 2023 to 2024, in three scenarios under House GOP pledge

- Average cut if NDD reverts to its 2022 level: -8.8%
- If veterans' medical care is fully funded, average cut in remaining NDD programs must be deeper: -12.9%
- If defense is not cut but instead funded at its 2023 level, average cut in NDD programs outside of veterans' medical care would be still deeper: -24.3%

Note: Each scenario assumes total 2024 discretionary appropriations are set at 2022 levels. Years are fiscal.
Source: CBPP analysis of data from Congressional Budget Office
Threats to HUD and USDA Affordable Housing & Homelessness Programs

Divided Congress presents new challenges

• Debt ceiling and FY24 fights ahead
• Previous debt ceiling fights led to Budget Control Act of 2011
Advocate for Highest Level of Funding Possible in FY24

NLIHC Top Priorities for FY24:

• Expanding rental assistance to 200,000 more households
• Fully funding public housing
• Fully funding homeless assistance grants
• Providing $3 billion in Emergency Rental Assistance
• Investing $100 million in legal services for eviction prevention
• Expanding funding for tribal nations with the greatest needs
Creating New Barriers to Housing Assistance

Work Requirements
Time Limits
Rent Increases

All are designed to take housing assistance away from households, or prevent them from being eligible.
2022 TWO-BEDROOM RENTAL HOUSING WAGES

CT $27.80
DC $34.33
DE $22.76
MA $37.97
MD $28.93
NH $26.29
NJ $31.32
RI $24.32
VT $23.40

Two-Bedroom Housing Wage

Less than $17
$17 to less than $23
More than $23

*Note: New England states are displayed with HUD Fair Market Rent Areas. All other states are displayed at the county level. This map does not account for sub-county jurisdictions with minimum wages higher than the prevailing county, state, or federal minimum wage. No local minimum wages are sufficient to afford a one-bedroom rental home at the Fair Market Rent with a 40 hour work week. The geographic variation of Oregon and New York’s state minimum wages are reflected at the county level.
## ELEVEN OF THE TWENTY-FIVE LARGEST OCCUPATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES PAY LESS THAN THE HOUSING WAGE

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Opportunities to Advance Bipartisan Legislation

Eviction Crisis Act – Sens. Michael Bennet (D-CO) & Rob Portman (R-OH); Stable Families Act – Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY)

• Creates a permanent, federal Emergency Rental Assistance program, building on lessons learned and infrastructure developed in response to the pandemic

Goals

• Build additional bipartisan co-sponsors in the Senate
• Secure Republican co-lead in the House for reintroduction
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Family Stability & Opportunity Vouchers Act - Sens. Todd Young (R-IN) & Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

• Funds 500,000 new Housing Choice Vouchers and mobility counseling, targeted to families with young children

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Tell Congress to enact the Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act: p2a.co/uf3pc4a

Tell Congress to enact the Eviction Crisis Act: p2a.co/2ygs00q
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ADVOCACY RESOURCES

Budget Advocacy Toolkit

• Background info
• Talking points
• Sample social media messages
• Sample op-ed
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→ TAKE ACTION!

• Organizational sign-on letter
• Contact your members of Congress
• Organize events in your community
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