



NLIHC's HoUSed Campaign for
Long-Term Housing Solutions

February 13, 2023

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Outlook for the 118th Congress

Congresswoman Maxine Waters

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U.S. House of Representatives

Ranking Member

House Financial Services Committee

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Senator Sherrod Brown

Ohio

United States Senate

Chair

Senate Banking, 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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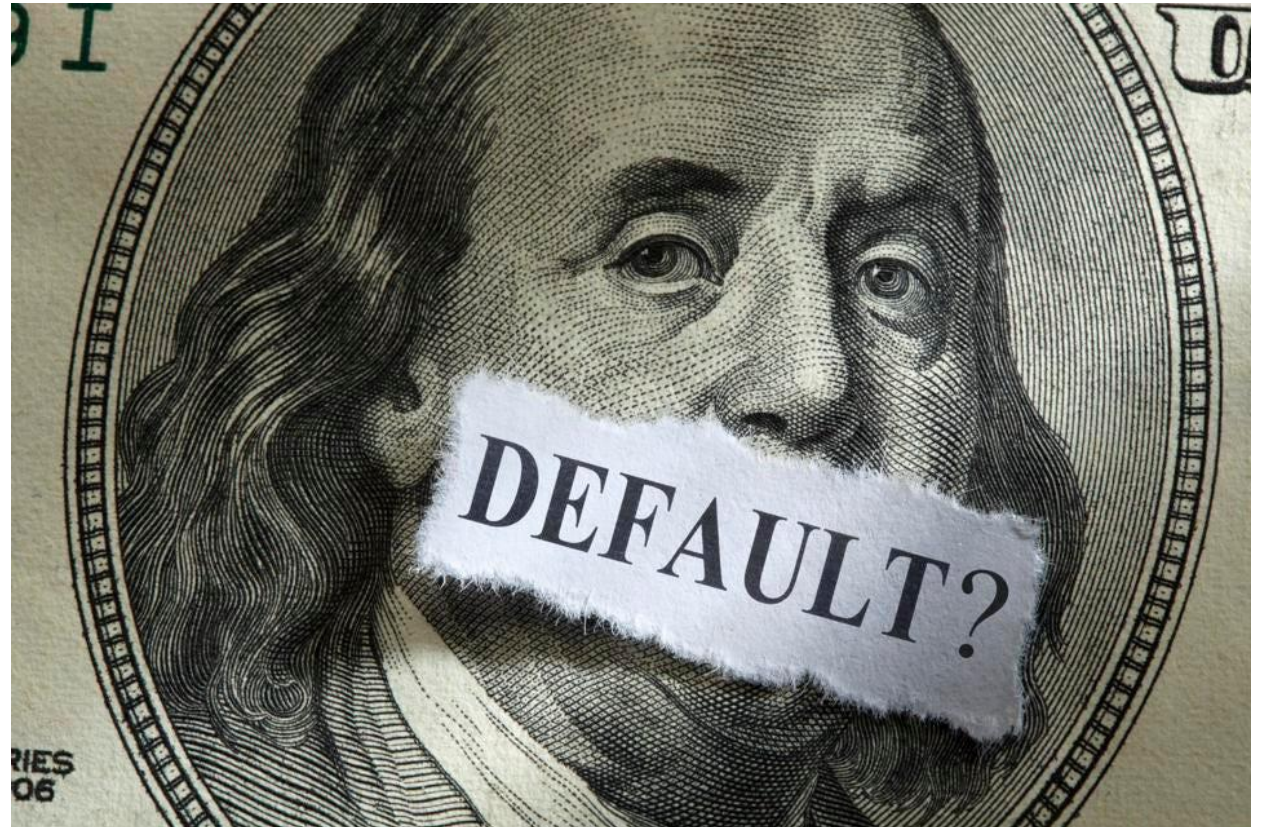
Our Collective Advocacy Is More Important Than Ever

- 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.

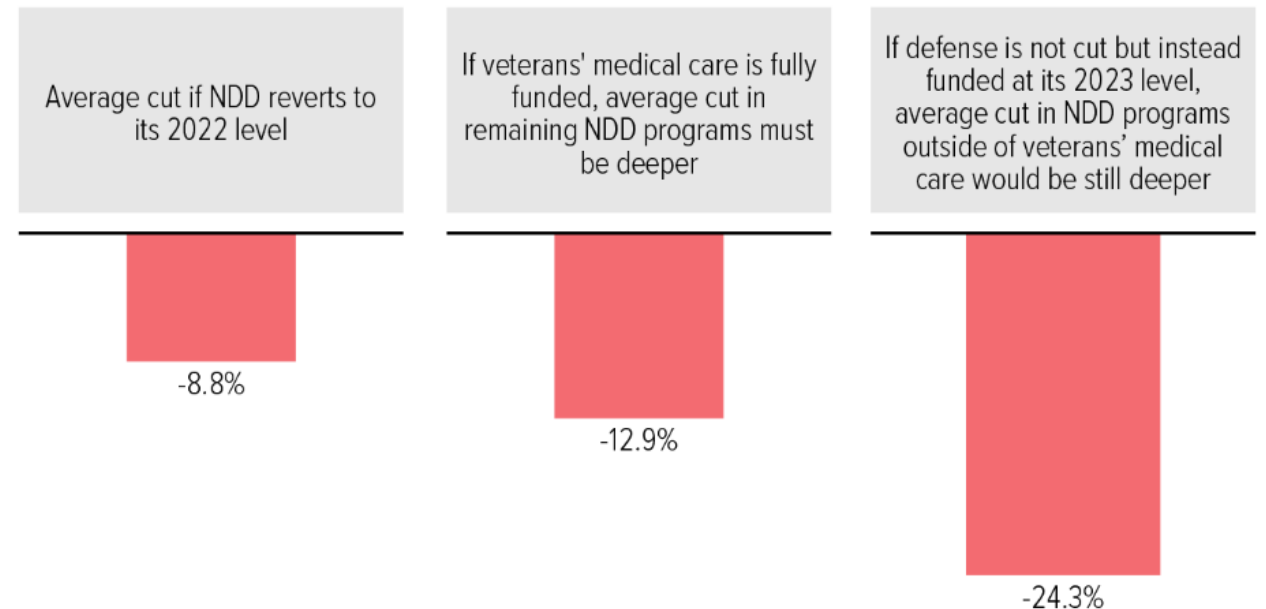


Threats to HUD and USDA Affordable Housing & Homelessness Programs

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



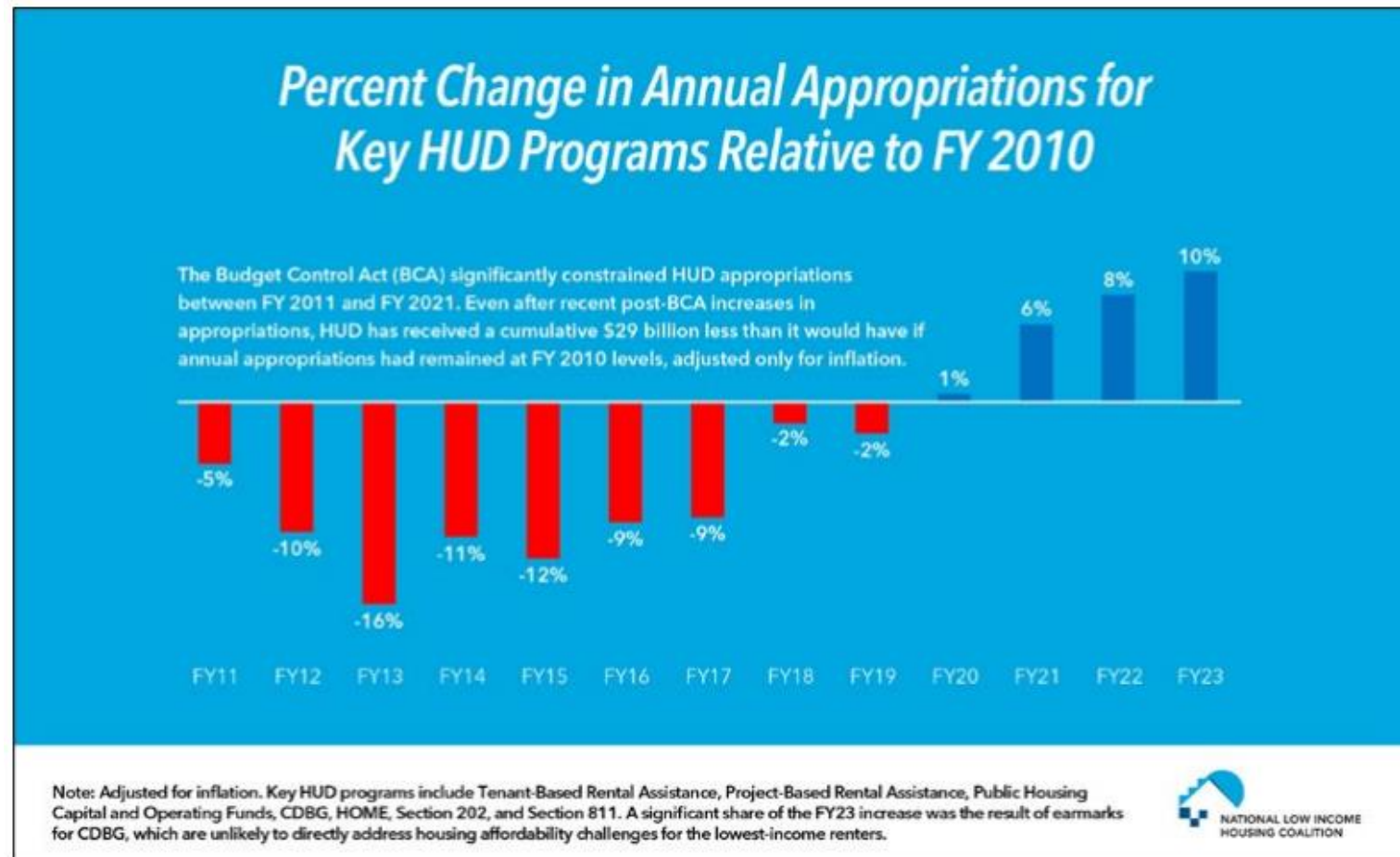
Note: Each scenario assumes total 2024 discretionary appropriations are set at 2022 levels. Years are fiscal.

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

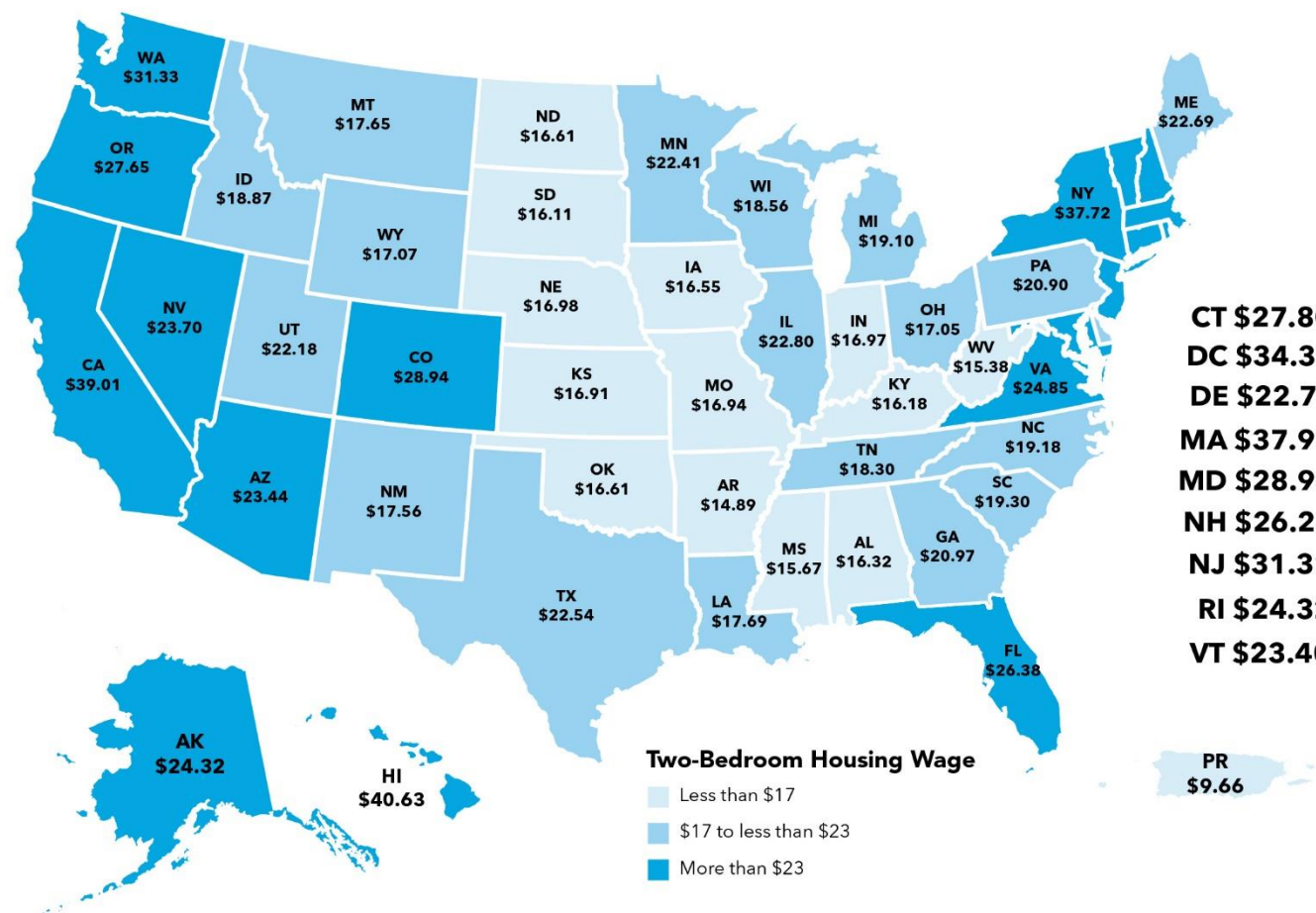
Work Requirements

Time Limits

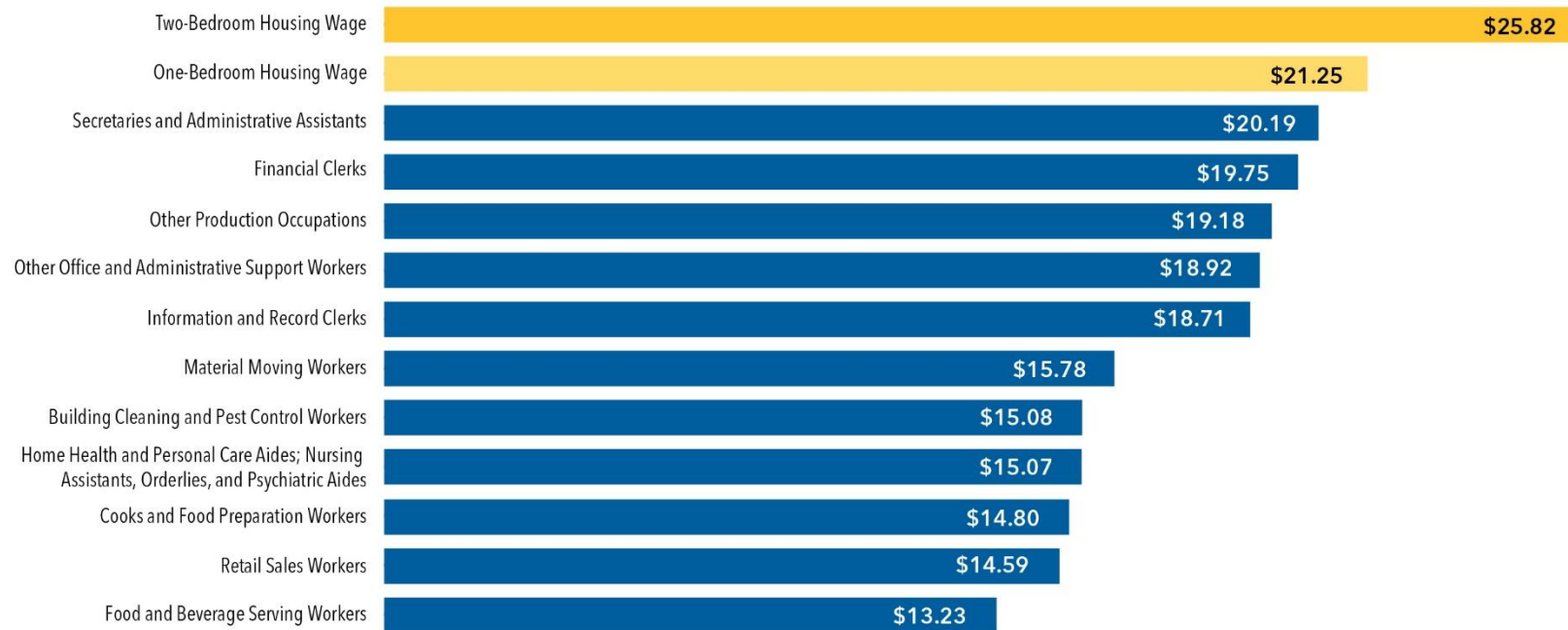
Rent Increases

All are designed to take housing assistance away from households, or prevent them from being eligible.

2022 TWO-BEDROOM RENTAL HOUSING WAGES



ELEVEN OF THE TWENTY-FIVE LARGEST OCCUPATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES PAY LESS THAN THE HOUSING WAGE



Opportunities to Advance Bipartisan Legislation



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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

Take Action

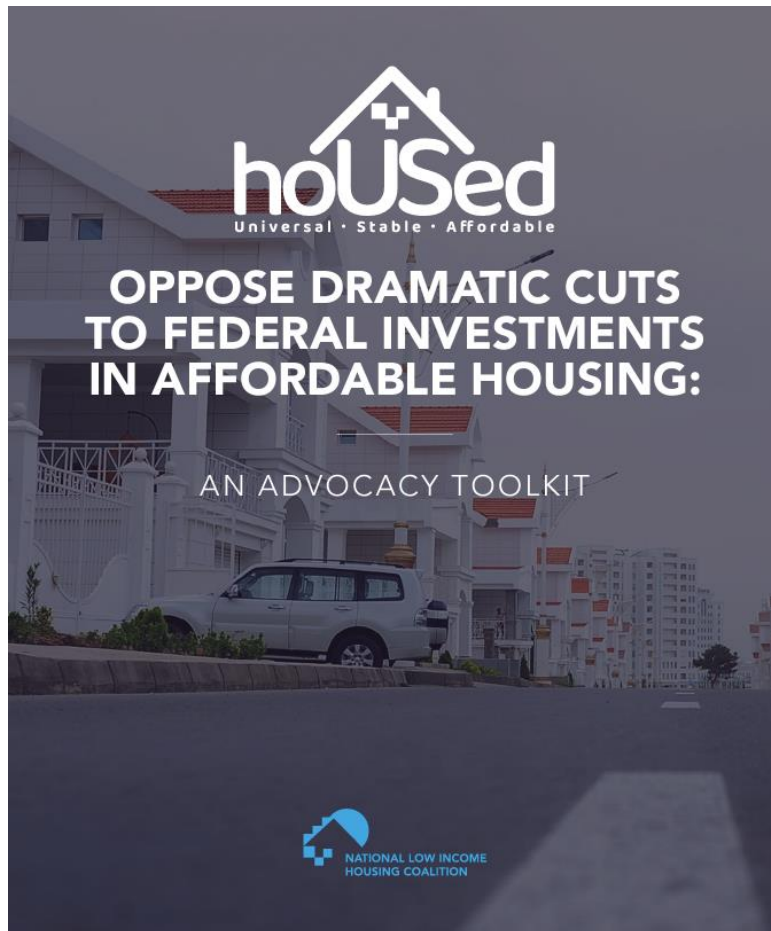
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Budget Advocacy Toolkit

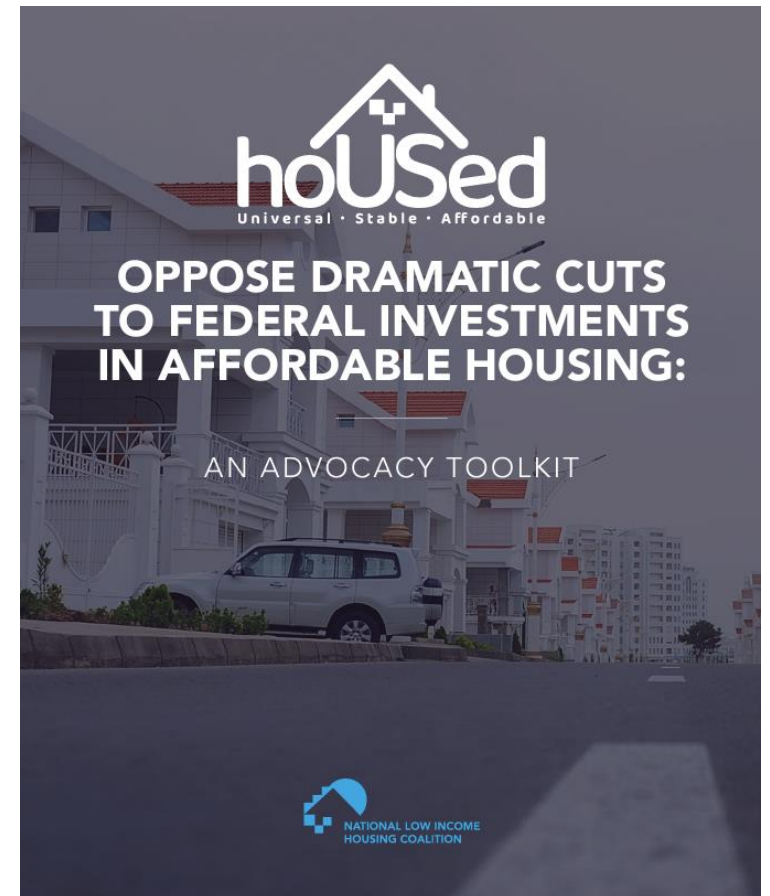
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- Talking points
- Sample social media messages
- Sample op-ed

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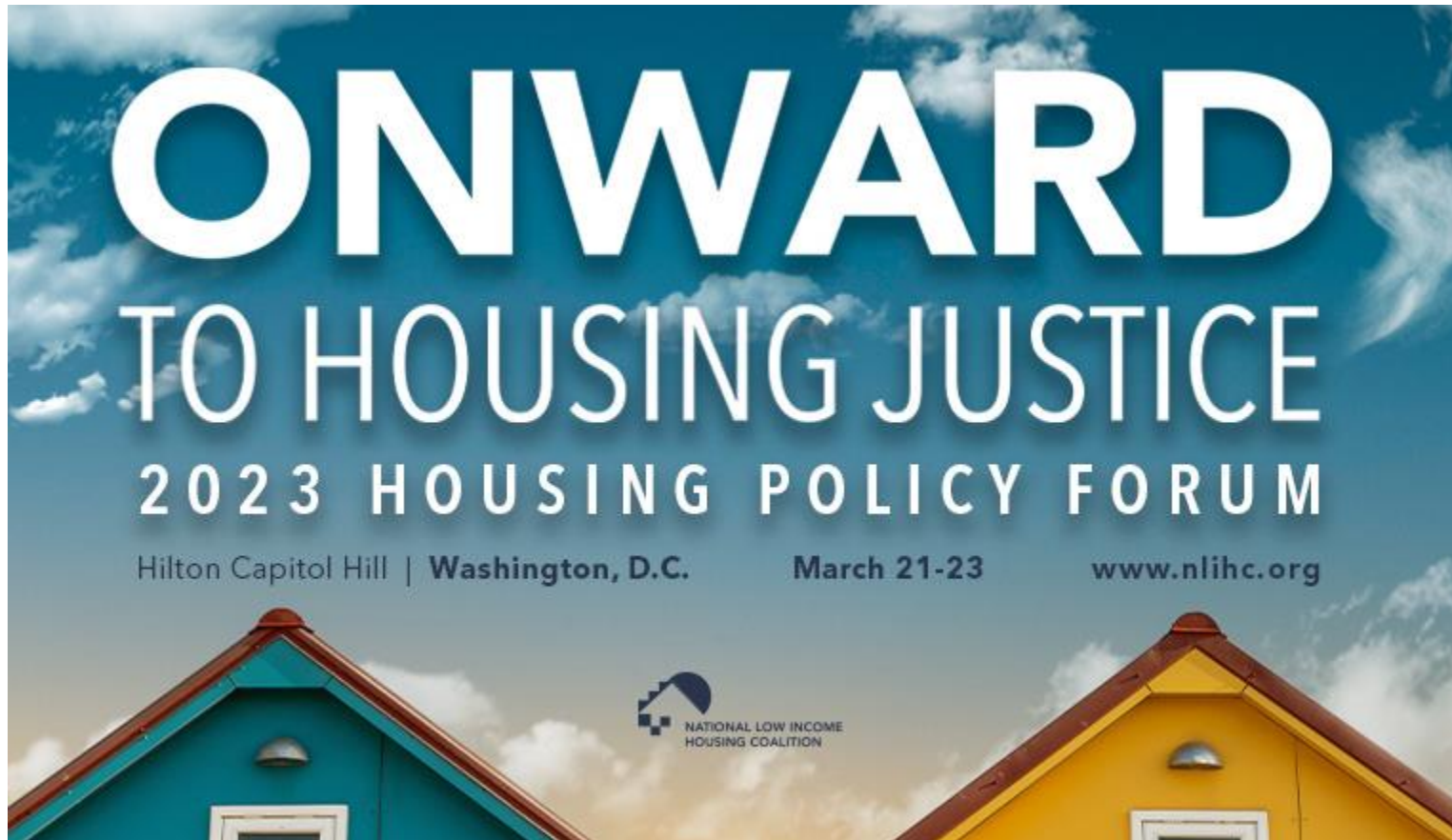
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→ TAKE ACTION!

- Organizational [sign-on letter](#)
- [Contact](#) your members of Congress
- Organize events in your community



ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES



Policy Forum & Capitol Hill Day

- [Register](#) today!
- Hill Day: March 23
- Contact [your organizer](#) to learn more

ADVOCACY RESOURCES

Legislative Action Center

- Contact your members of Congress
- Organizational sign-on letters
- Find your members of Congress



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