



# Capitol Hill Day 2026 Prep Webinar



# Welcome

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*Vice President of Field Strategy & Innovation, NLIHC*

# Today's Agenda

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- Introduction to Capitol Hill Day
- 2026 Policy Priorities & Talking Points
- Effective Storytelling
- What to Expect
- Q&A

# Introduction to Capitol Hill Day

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**Brooke Schipporeit**

*Sr. Director of Field Strategy & Innovation, NLIHC*



# What is Capitol Hill Day?

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- March 13, 2026
- Join community
- Make your voice heard!
- Lutheran Church of the Reformation
  - *Optional meetup:*  
212 East Capitol St NE  
Washington, DC 20003



# 2026 NLIHC Policy Priorities & Talking Points

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**Kim Johnson**

*Sr. Policy Director, NLIHC*

# Hill Day Priorities

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- 1. Ensure the continued operation of HUD programs by protecting congressionally appropriated funding and adequately staffing HUD offices.**

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## **2. Support the highest level of funding possible for HUD's affordable housing and homelessness programs in FY27, including:**

- Full funding for voucher renewals, plus funding to expand vouchers to an additional 250,000 households
- Full funding for Homeless Assistance Grants
- Increased funding for public housing operations and maintenance
- Increased investments in Section 811, Section 202, and PBRA
- Maintained funding for EPGP
- Increased funding for Tribal housing accounts



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## **3. Oppose harmful policies that restrict access to affordable housing and homelessness services, including:**

- “Mixed-Status” Rule
- Work Requirements and Time Limits on HUD-Assisted Households
- 30-Day Eviction Notice Requirement for Public Housing and PBRA Tenants
- Equal Access Rule

## **4. Oppose policies that undermine proven solutions to homelessness**

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## Enact policies that already carry bipartisan support:

- ROAD to Housing Act -- S.2651; Sens. Scott (R-SC) and Warren (D-MA)
  - Reforming Disaster Recovery Act
  - Rural Housing Service Reform Act
  - Reducing Homelessness Through Program Reform Act
  - Housing Supply Frameworks Act
  - Choice in Affordable Housing Act
- Housing for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act – H.R.6644, Reps. Hill (R-AR) and Waters (D-CA) – *Passed House yesterday (390-9)*!
  - Housing Supply Frameworks Act
  - Rural Housing Service Reform Act
  - Choice in Affordable Housing Act

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## **Enact policies that already carry bipartisan support:**

- Eviction Crisis Act/Stable Families Act
- Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act
- Fixing Emergency Management for Americans (FEMA) Act
- Reforming Disaster Recovery Act
- Fair Housing Improvement Act
- Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act
- Visitable Inclusive Tax Credits for Accessible Living (VITAL) Act
- Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA)

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**Continue seeding the ground for the targeted, long-term, large-scale solutions need to ensure everyone has a safe place to call home:**

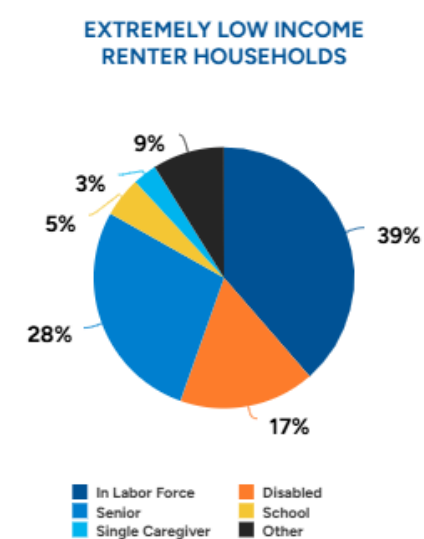
- Ending Homelessness Act
- Housing Crisis Response Act
- American Housing and Economic Mobility Act
- Our Homes, Our Votes Act

# Talking Points

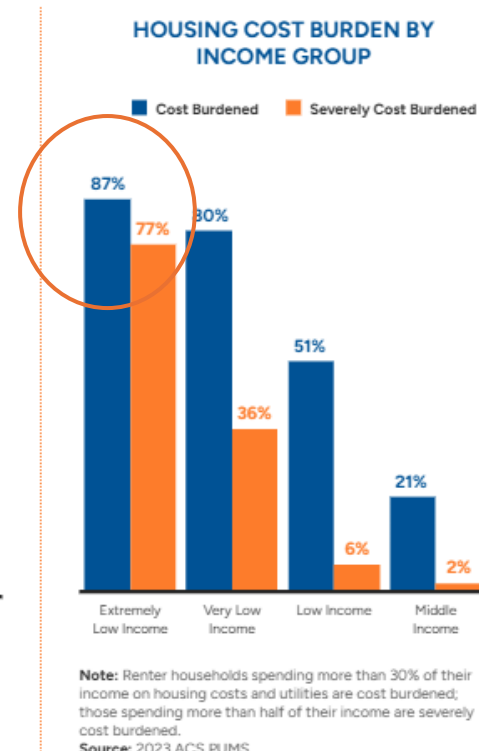
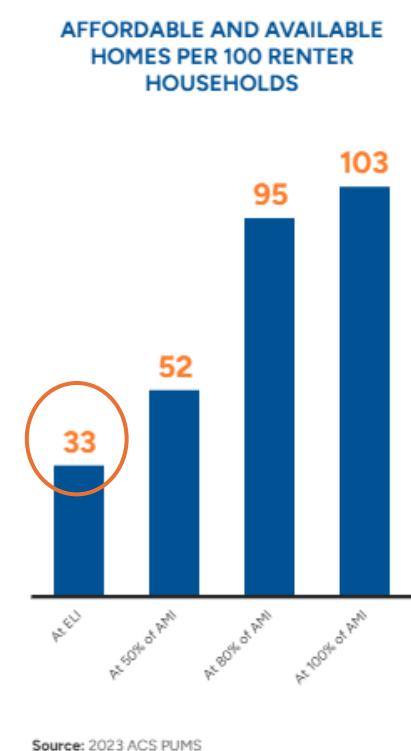
## Use NLIHC's research to learn more about the affordable housing crisis in your community

[nlihc.org/housing-needs-by-state](https://nlihc.org/housing-needs-by-state)

“In **Virginia**, there are only **33** affordable, available homes for every 100 ELI households; because of this shortage, **87%** of ELI renters are living in housing unaffordable to them, and **77%** of ELI renters spend over half of their income on rent, leaving little for other necessities.”



**Note:** Mutually exclusive categories applied in the following order: senior, disabled, in labor force, enrolled in school, single adult caregiver of a child under 7 or a person with a disability, and other. Thirteen percent of extremely low-income renter households include a single adult caregiver, 53% of whom usually work at least 20 hours per week. Eleven percent of extremely low-income renter householders are enrolled in school, 48% of whom usually work at least 20 hours per week. Source: 2023 ACS PUMS





Housing Needs By State

# Virginia

Click on the “Resources” tab on your state housing profile!

State Data Overview

State Level Partners

Housing Trust Fund

Resources

## Resources

### Housing Profiles

#### STATE HOUSING PROFILE

[State Housing Profile: Virginia \(PDF\)](#)

#### CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT HOUSING PROFILE

[Congressional District Profile: Virginia \(PDF\)](#)

We have Congressional district information too!

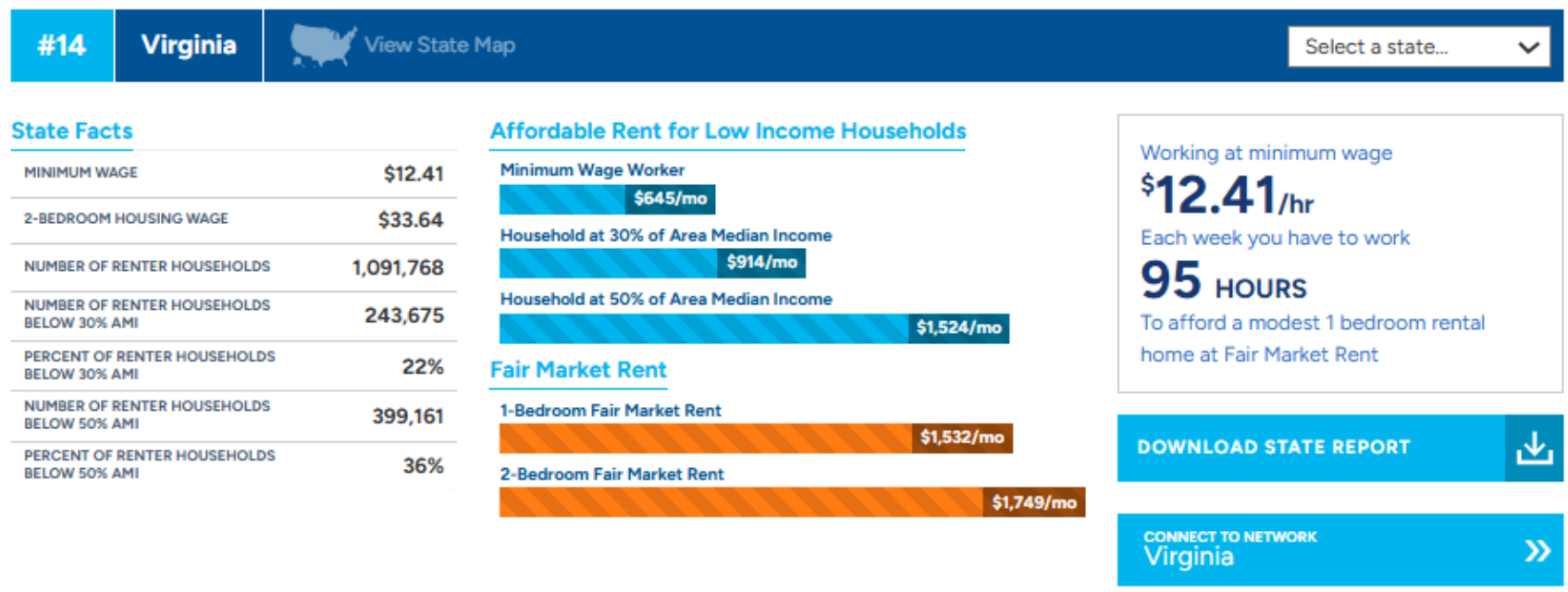
### Research and Data

#### NATIONAL HOUSING PRESERVATION DATABASE

The [National Housing Preservation Database](#) is an address-level inventory of federally assisted rental housing in the United States.

#### OUT OF REACH: THE HIGH COST OF HOUSING

# Talking Points



“In **Virginia**, minimum wage is **\$12.41** per hour; A minimum wage worker in Virginia needs to work at least **95** hours per week to afford a one-bedroom rental home at FMR.”

“Workers in Virginia need to be paid at least **\$33.64** per hour to afford a two-bedroom rental home at FMR without spending over 30% of their income on housing.

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**Most importantly:** Tell your members of Congress how HUD programs and policies impact you, your family, your community

**Thank you for your time, work, and advocacy!**

# Your Voice Matters: Effective Storytelling

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**Sarah Armour**

*Deputy Director, Housing Narrative Lab*

# What to Expect on Capitol Hill Day

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**Rachael Myers**

*Executive Director, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance*



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**Christie Bevis**

*Sr. Project Manager, Low Income Housing Coalition of Alabama*

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*Resident/Tenant Leader*

*NLIHC Board of Directors*

# Questions & Discussion



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