

DEAR COLLEAGUE LETTER CALL SCRIPT

YOUR ADVOCACY IS NEEDED!

Contact your senators and representative today and ask them to sign onto a “Dear Colleague” letter from Senator Merkley (D-OR) and Representative Ritchie Torres (D-NY) that urges congressional leaders to include the **HoUsed** campaign’s **top priorities** in any infrastructure package.

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 _____ Senator _____.

I’m calling today to ask (Member of Congress) to sign on to Senator Merkley’s and Representative Torres’s “Dear Colleague” letter calling for long-term affordable housing solutions in any infrastructure package.

Where I live, I see the need of investing in housing infrastructure, especially as our country recovers from the pandemic. **(EXPLAIN - You can use NLIHC’s [Out of Reach Report](#) or [Gap Report](#), but congress members and staff like hearing your personal stories!)**

We need the long term housing solutions mentioned in the Dear Colleague letter:

- Universal rental assistance
- \$70 billion to repair and preserve public housing
- And \$45 billion for the national Housing Trust Fund to build and preserve affordable homes for the lowest-income households

As the country recovers from this public health crisis, low-income people and people experiencing homelessness desperately need this assistance. Please sign on to the Dear Colleague letter today!

- **IF CONTACTING A SENATOR:** You can sign on to the letter by contacting Matthew Traylor at Matthew_Traylor@merkley.senate.gov.
- **IF CONTACTING A REPRESENTATIVE:** You can sign on to the letter by contacting Christopher Jerrolds at Christopher.Jerrolds@mail.house.gov.