Policy Priorities Webinar
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On Lobby Day

We will provide you with a lobby day packet and leave-behind folders for each Congressional meeting, including:

- Toolkit with policy priorities and talking points on each topic
- Factsheets and Budget Chart
- NLIHC’s new GAP report – out TODAY!
- State and Congressional District data on local housing needs
- Map of Capitol Hill
- Other helpful resources!
Urgent Priorities

1. **Budget Negotiations** - Lift the low spending caps and provide the highest funding possible for affordable housing and community development. Any budget agreement should include an additional $4B in Housing Choice Vouchers and $1B for public housing repairs. Reject the President’s proposal to cut housing benefits!

2. **Housing Finance Reform** - Expand the national Housing Trust Fund to at least $3.5B annually, as part of a broader commitment to access and affordability.

3. **Infrastructure Package** - Include $15B to repair public housing and $5B for the national Housing Trust Fund in any infrastructure package.
Protect Housing Investments

Spending Bills for FY20

We’re asking Congress to:

(1) Reject the President’s Budget Proposal
(2) Provide highest funding possible for HUD & Rural Housing
Protect Housing Investments

Spending Bills for FY20

In your leave-behind packet:
(1) Budget Chart
(2) NLIHC’s Funding Requests for FY20
We’re asking Congress to:

(1) Oppose the President’s proposal to cut housing benefits by increasing rents and imposing work requirements.
Cuts to Housing Benefits

In your leave-behind packet:
(1) Factsheet on how cutting housing benefits would increase poverty and homelessness
We’re asking Congress to:

(1) Ensure that any housing finance legislation expands the HTF to $3.5 billion in housing finance reform, as part of a broader commitment to access and affordability.
Housing Finance Reform

Protect and Expand the HTF!

In your leave-behind packet:
(1) Factsheet on the HTF
(2) Factsheet on how states have used HTF dollars so far
Infrastructure Package

Housing IS Infrastructure!

We’re asking Congress to:

(1) Ensure that any infrastructure package includes $15 billion for public housing repairs and $5 billion for the national Housing Trust Fund
Infrastructure Package

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In your leave-behind packet:

(1) Factsheet on Housing and Infrastructure
Legislation NLIHC Supports

Investments in Affordable Rental Homes

**American Housing and Economic Mobility Act** - Senator Warren (D-MA) and Reps. Richmond (D-LA). *Factsheet included!*


**Task Force on the Impact of the Affordable Housing Crisis Act** - Senators Young (R-IN), Cantwell (D-WA), and King (I-ME).

**Affordable Housing Tax Credit Improvement Act** - Senator Cantwell (D-WA) and Rep. Neal (D-MA). *Factsheet included!*

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Bridge the Gap Between Incomes and Housing Costs

**Rent Relief Act** - Senators Harris (D-CA), Feinstein (D-CA), Blumenthal (D-CT), and Hassan (D-NH) and Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA). *Factsheet included!*

**Housing, Opportunity, Mobility, and Equity (HOME) Act** - Senator Booker (D-NJ) and Rep. Clyburn (D-SC). *Factsheet included!*

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Advancing Fair Housing and Equity

**Fair Housing Improvement Act** - Senator Kaine (D-VA).

**Fair and Equal Housing Act** - Senator Kaine (D-VA).


**Fair Chance at Housing Act** - Rep. Waters (D-CA).

**Tenant Protection Act** - Senator Booker (D-NJ).
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Ensuring Equitable Disaster Recovery

Reforming Disaster Recovery Act - Reps. Wagner (R-MO) and Green (D-TX).

Housing Victims of Major Disasters Act - Senators Warren (D-MA) and Rep. Espaillat (D-NY). Factsheet included!

Q&A

Any Questions?
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