

# TOP PRIORITIES FOR LOBBY DAY

## TOP PRIORITIES FOR A CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PACKAGE

Below are NLIHC's top four priorities to ensure housing stability in the next coronavirus relief package. These priorities are included in the "HEROES Act" and other legislation approved by the House of Representatives, but the Senate refuses to take up and vote on these bills.

For more information on NLIHC's priorities for the next coronavirus relief package, visit: <https://nlihc.org/responding-coronavirus>.

### \$100 Billion in Emergency Rental Assistance

NLIHC supports S. 3685/H.R. 6820, the "[Emergency Rental Assistance and Rental Market Stabilization Act](#)," which would provide \$100 billion in emergency rental assistance to help low-income renters avoid evictions and homelessness. The bill, introduced by Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Representatives Maxine Waters (D-CA) and Denny Heck (D-WA), has the support of 40 Senate cosponsors and nearly 160 House cosponsors. Emergency rental assistance is needed to avoid creating a financial cliff for renters when eviction moratoriums are lifted and back-rent is owed, and to ensure the continued viability of our country's essential affordable housing infrastructure.

For more details on the legislation, see NLIHC's [factsheet](#). Find a list of current cosponsors [here](#). Show your support by signing your organization onto [this letter](#) and sharing it widely.

### National, Uniform Moratorium on Evictions

NLIHC supports S. 4097/H.R.7402, the "Protecting Renters from Evictions and Fees Act," introduced by Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Representatives Jesus "Chuy" Garcia (D-IL) and Barbara Lee (D-CA) to extend and broaden the eviction moratoriums included in the CARES Act to protect all renters in the U.S. for a full year. This protection is especially important in a moment when our collective health depends on each of us staying home.

In the CARES Act, Congress instituted shorter, temporary moratoriums for only some renters and homeowners in federally subsidized housing. NLIHC created a [searchable database and map](#) to help renters determine whether they are protected under the CARES Act, but these tools are not complete because not all data is publicly available. This federal moratoriums end on July 25, 2020. [States and localities have also instituted their own eviction and foreclosure moratoriums](#) - creating a patchwork of responses that provides relief to only some and creates confusion for all - but these moratoriums are quickly expiring.

## \$11.5 Billion in Emergency Resources for People Experiencing Homelessness

NLIHC supports S. 3856/H.R. 6724, the “Public Health Emergency Shelter Act,” introduced by Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Representative Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) to provide an [additional \\$11.5 billion](#) to respond to and prevent outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

People who are homeless and contract coronavirus are twice as likely to be hospitalized, two to four times as likely to require critical care, and two to three times as likely to die than others in the general public. If unchecked, as many as 20,000 people who are homeless could require hospitalization and nearly 3,500 could die, with enormous implications for individuals, their communities, and our already overstretched hospital systems. Funds are needed to minimize the number of people living in homeless encampments and congregate shelters and identify alternative space, including hotels, for isolation and self-quarantine, as well as funding for short-term rental assistance and housing stabilization services.

## At Least \$13 Billion to Ensure Housing Stability

NLIHC supports provisions in the HEROES Act to provide \$13 billion for public housing agencies, HUD and USDA housing providers, and Tribal housing authorities to help keep residents safe and healthy during this crisis, and to issue 100,000 new emergency Housing Choice Vouchers. These funds should be included in the next coronavirus relief package.