



June 6th, 2022

The Honorable Maxine Waters
Chair

House Financial Services Committee
2129 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patrick McHenry
Ranking Member

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RE: H.R. 6880, The Choice in Affordable Housing Act of 2022

Dear Chair Waters and Ranking Member McHenry:

On behalf of the undersigned national affordable housing stakeholders, we are writing to express our support for H.R. 6880, the Choice in Affordable Housing Act of 2022, and urge you to include it in the June markup for the Financial Services Committee.

Sponsored by Reps. Emanuel Cleaver, II (D-MO-5) and John Katko (R-NY-24), H.R. 6880 would reduce regulatory barriers to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, making rental housing more affordable and accessible to low- and moderate-income Americans. The undersigned organizations understand that individual renters and families thrive when they have greater access to housing in low-poverty areas with robust job opportunities, quality schools and reliable transportation options. Specifically, H.R. 6880 would:

- Create a \$500 "partnership fund" to support incentives for landlords to join the Section 8 program, assist residents with security deposits, reward Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) who retain dedicated "landlord liaisons," and for other uses.
- Reduce inspection delays through reciprocity with other federal housing programs and enabling pre-inspections for landlords new to Section 8 and,
- Refocus HUD's evaluation of PHAs to promote an increase in the diversity of neighborhoods where vouchers are used.
- Expand the use of Small Area Fair Market Rents.

Our organizations have long supported the Section 8 HCV program as the nation's primary and most successful tool for delivering rental subsidies. To ensure its continued ability to meet these needs, we again urge you to act on H.R. 6880 during the June full Committee markup. With your leadership we can expand housing choice for millions of low- and moderate-income Americans.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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Council for Affordable and Rural Housing
Habitat for Humanity
Enterprise Community Partners
Institute of Real Estate Management
Manufactured Housing Institute
National Affordable Housing Management Association
National Apartment Association
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Housing Cooperatives
National Association of REALTORS®
National Housing Law Project
National Leased Housing Association
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National Multifamily Housing Council
National Rental Home Council
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cc: The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver, II
The Honorable John Katko