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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

To Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Minority Leader McCarthy:

We, the undersigned organizations in the [national HoUSed campaign](#), call on Congress to take bold action to advance anti-racist housing policies and provide the large-scale, sustained investments and reforms necessary to ensure that the lowest-income and most marginalized renters have an affordable place to call home. We urge you to use every opportunity - whether through an infrastructure/stimulus package, the appropriations process, or stand-alone legislation - to advance proven solutions at the scale necessary to ensure that affordable and stable homes are universal to everyone in need.

To achieve this ambitious goal, Congress must:

1. [Bridge the gap](#) between incomes and housing costs by expanding rental assistance to every eligible household.
2. [Expand and preserve the supply of rental homes](#) affordable to people with the lowest incomes.
3. [Provide emergency rental assistance](#) to households in crisis by creating a national housing stabilization fund.
4. [Strengthen and enforce renter protections](#) to address the power imbalance between renters and landlords that puts renters at risk of housing instability.

Even before the pandemic, America was in the grips of an affordable housing crisis, most severely impacting the most marginalized and lowest-income people, including seniors, people with disabilities, families with children, and other individuals. Nationally, there is a shortage of **7 million** homes affordable and available to renters with extremely low incomes. For every 10 of these households, there are fewer than 4 affordable and available homes. There is not a single state or congressional district with enough affordable homes to meet this demand.

Without affordable options, 8 million extremely low-income households pay at least half of their limited incomes on rent, leaving them without the resources they need to put food on the table, purchase needed medications, or make ends meet. In the U.S., renters need an annual income of nearly **\$50,000** or \$23.96 an hour on average to afford a modest, two-bedroom apartment. This is far above the incomes of many working families, seniors, and people with disabilities. Since 1960, renters' incomes have increased by 5%, while [rents have risen 61%](#).

A full-time minimum-wage worker can afford a one-bedroom rental home at fair market rent in just 5% of all U.S. counties. There are no counties where a minimum wage worker can afford a two-bedroom rental home at fair market rent.

Despite the clear need, **3 in 4 households** eligible for housing assistance receive none because Congress continues to underfund proven solutions. Families wait for years – even decades – on **waiting lists**. Millions of households are one financial shock away from economic hardship that could quickly spiral out of control into evictions and, in worst cases, homelessness.

Black people, Native Americans, and Latinos are **most harmed** by the housing crisis. Black households account for 13% of all households, yet they account for 26% of all extremely low-income renters and 40% of people experiencing homelessness. Hispanic households account for 12% of all U.S. households, 21% of extremely low-income renters, and 22% of people experiencing homelessness. Native Americans are dramatically overrepresented among people experiencing homelessness. This harm is compounded for women of color. These are the same households most impacted by the pandemic and the economic fallout, and they are now even more precariously housed.

Ensuring universal housing assistance will have **broad, positive impacts** on racial equity, education, healthcare, economic mobility, and reducing poverty. Housing justice is central to **racial equity** because disparities in education, income, wealth, employment, and health are driven in large part by racial segregation and discrimination in housing. Housing can help close the **education** gap because children learn better and are more likely to graduate when they live in a stable, affordable home. A quality affordable home is a prescription for good **health** and has been linked to prevention of long-term health problems and promotes healthy, productive lives. Housing supports **economic mobility**, allowing low-income people to climb up the income ladder and achieve financial stability. By providing housing assistance, we can **reduce poverty**, increase stability for vulnerable households, and help avert homelessness, institutionalization, and incarceration.

More than ever, we need your leadership to advance bold policies to ensure that people with the lowest incomes and the most marginalized people have a stable, affordable home.

Sincerely,

National and Multistate Organizations

ADAPT National
American Association of Service Coordinators
Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living
Assurance Consulting Group
Augustinians
Autism Housing Network- Madison House Autism Foundation
Barbara Poppe and Associates
BRIDGE Housing Corporation
Brookhaven Town NAACP
Center for LGBTQ Economic Advancement & Research
Center for Popular Democracy
Coalition on Human Needs
Community Change Action
Community Restoration Partners LLC
EAH Housing
Educare Learning Network

Equal Rights Center
Evernorth
Family Promise
Gerrard Corporation
Groundwork Collaborative
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Habitat for Humanity International
HEAR US Inc.
Hearth, Inc.
Hispanic Federation
Homeless Advocacy for All
IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union
Integrated Community Solutions, Inc
Invisible People
Leviticus 25:23 Alternative Fund, Inc.
Limbic Legacy
LOCUS: Responsible Real Estate Developers and Investors
Makhers Studio LLC
Metro Lutheran Ministry
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Alliance for Safe Housing
National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations
National Alliance of HUD Tenants
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for County Community and Economic Development
National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies
National Center for Healthy Housing
National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel
National Coalition for Latinxs with Disabilities
National Fair Housing Alliance
National Foundation for Debt Management
National Homelessness Law Center
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National NeighborWorks Association
National Network to End Domestic Violence
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
National Women's Law Center
Natural Resources Defense Council
NeighborWorks Capital
Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
New Ecology, Inc.
NewWest Community Capital
NOAAH Prime
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
RCAC
Region Nine Housing Corporation
Reinvestment Partners
RESULTS
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership

Sisters of Mercy
Somerset Development Company
Spirit for Change Consulting LLC
Start Early
Technical Assistance Collaborative
The Global Justice Institute
The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
Toolbox Creative
Union for Reform Judaism
United Way of Greater Cincinnati
United Way Worldwide
Volunteers of America - Greater New York
Volunteers of America Northern New England
Western Regional Advocacy Project

State and Local Organizations or Governments

Alabama

AIDS Alabama
HICA (Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama)

Alaska

Mat-Su Interfaith Hospitality Network
RESULTS Anchorage
Sitka Community Land Trust

Arizona

Ability360
Arizona Housing Coalition
Arizona Housing, Inc.
Cactus Tickets
Family Housing Resources
HOM, Inc.
Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Arizona (LAMA)
Newtown Community Development Corporation

California

A Community of Friends
Abilities United
Abode Services
Affordable Housing Advocates
Bonnewit Development Services
Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation
California Coalition for Rural Housing
California Housing Partnership
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
Coalition on Homelessness
Community Housing Partnership
Community Outreach Center
Congregation Bet Haverim
Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

Downtown Women's Center
East Bay Housing Organizations
Equality California
Flacks Seed Consulting
FSY Architects, Inc.
Glendale Tenants Union
Hathaway -Sycamores
Hope Solutions
Housing California
Housing Choices Coalition for Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Inc.
Housing on Merit
John Burton Advocates for Youth
L.A. Care Health Plan
Larkin Street Youth Services
Los Angeles Community Legal Center and Educational
Maternal and Child Health Access
Milestone Housing Group, LLC
Mission Housing Development Corporation
Monterey County Renters United
Mutual Housing California
PATH (People Assisting The Homeless)
People's Self-Help Housing
Project Sentinel
Public Law Center
Redding Pilgrim House
Redwood Gardens Tenant Association
Resident United Network
RESULTS - Silicon Valley
Sacramento Housing Alliance
Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness
SBC Pathways to Housing Network
Service Center for Independent Life
Sister to Sister 2, Inc.
Solutions for Social Services
South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness (Los Angeles County)
Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing
SV@Home
Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation
The Kelsey
The Unity Council
The WIN Project
U.S. Vets Homeless Feeding & Housing Services
Union Station Homeless Services
Ventura Social Service Task Force
Western Center on Law and Poverty

Colorado

Colorado Children's Campaign
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
Colorado Coalition of Manufactured Home Owners
Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition

Colorado Poverty Law Project
Community Housing Partners
Double Diamond Painting
Grand Valley Catholic Outreach
Interfaith Alliance Colorado
Manna - The Durango Soup Kitchen
Metro Caring
Mile High Behavioral Healthcare
Mountain Ace
Neighborhood Development Collaborative
RESULTS - Aurora
RESULTS Denver/Boulder
St. Francis Center
The Place
The Springs Echo
Together Colorado
Together Colorado Affordable Housing Committee
United for A New Economy

Connecticut

:Partners in Healthy Communities
Fairfield County Center for Housing Opportunity
MMW CAN - New Opportunities
Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury, Inc.

Delaware

Better Homes of Seaford, Inc.

District of Columbia

:Partners in Healthy Communities
Fairfield County Center for Housing Opportunity
MMW CAN - New Opportunities
Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury, Inc.

Florida

Affordable Homeownership Foundation, Inc.
Boynton Beach Faith Based Community Development Corporation
Broward Young Democrats
Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc.
Cornerstone Housing, Inc.
FaithWorks
Florida Alliance for Community Solutions, Inc.
Florida Coalition to End Homelessness
Good Neighbor Society
Habitat for Humanity of East & Central Pasco County
Homeless Coalition of Polk County
Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas
Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence (HOPE), Inc.
LSF Health Systems
Miami Homes For All
Missio Dei Community

Pathways For Change, Inc.
RESULTS Miami
Stone Soup Development
V & M Ellis Consulting, LLC

Georgia

CaringWorks
Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc.
Georgia Alliance to End Homelessness
GS Community Ventures
Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia

Guam

Micronesia Community Development Corporation

Hawaii

Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice

Idaho

Boise/Ada County Homeless Coalition
Habitat for Humanity Idaho Falls Area
Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger
Intermountain Fair Housing Council, Inc.
Jesse Tree of Idaho

Illinois

Agape Missions, NFP
Chicago Rehab Network
Connections for the Homeless
Garfield Park Community Development Corporation
Heartland Continuum of Care
Housing Action Illinois
Housing Forward
Illinois Parents of Adults with Development Disabilities (IPADD)
Lawyer's Committee for Better Housing
Peoria Housing Authority
Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc.
Respond Now
Safe and Sound
South Suburban Housing Center
Springfield Housing Authority
The Night Ministry
The Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois

Indiana

Hoosier Housing Needs Coalition
Opportunity Starts at Home - Indiana
Prosperity Indiana

Iowa

Cedar Rapids Zen Center

Family Promise of Greater Des Moines
Franciscan Peace Center
Humility Homes & Services, Inc.
Johnson County Affordable Housing Coalition
Polk County Housing Trust Fund
RESULTS - Iowa
Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton
Vera French Community Mental Health Center

Kentucky

Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky
Metropolitan Housing Coalition
River City Housing, Inc.
Shelter of Hope, Inc.

Louisiana

HousingLOUISIANA
Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center
Louvis Services
New Horizons, Inc.

Maine

3i Housing of Maine
Community Concepts, Inc.
Raise-Op Housing Cooperative

Maryland

Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership
Community Development Network of Maryland
Educational Sustainability Mobilization, Inc.
Housing Options & Planning Enterprises, Inc.
Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc.
Neighborhood Service Center
Pleasant View Gardens Resident Council, Inc.
Project PLASE, Inc.

Massachusetts

Alliance of Cambridge Tenants (ACT)
Catholic Charities Central Massachusetts
Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc.
Domus Incorporated
Dukes County Regional Housing Authority
Eliot Community Human Services
Franklin County Continuing the Political Revolution
Greater Boston Legal Services
Greenfield Massachusetts Housing Authority
Hampden County Career Center, Inc.
Human Service News and Information TV Program
Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action
Lawrence CommunityWorks, Inc.

Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
One Family
Our Ancestors Church and Coven
RESULTS Greater Boston

Michigan

Calhoun County Continuum of Care
Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac Community Action Agency
Community Housing Network, Inc.
Detroit RESULTS
Evert Honey Company
Grand Rapids United Progressives
Iron County Housing Commission
Jefferson East, Inc.
Michigan Interagency Council on Homelessness
Red Maple Resources, Inc.
TrueNorth Community Services
Washtenaw Housing Alliance

Minnesota

Alliance Housing, Inc.
Clare Housing
Community Works Consulting
HOME Line
JustUs Health
Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAH)
One Roof Community Housing
Our Spring Lake Store LLC
Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership
St Paul Chapter of MICAH
St. Ambrose of Woodbury
The Soderstrom Group

Mississippi

Booneville Housing Authority

Missouri

Empower Missouri
Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness
Hannibal Housing Authority
Housing Authority of Joplin
Housing Authority of Springfield
Independence Housing Authority
North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC)
Poplar Bluff Housing Authority
RESULTS Kansas City
SAVE, Inc.
St. Patrick Center
Urban Neighborhood Initiative
West Plains Housing Authority

Nebraska

Clay Center Housing Authority
East African Development Association of Nebraska
Nebraska Appleseed

Nevada

HopeLink of Southern Nevada

New Hampshire

Cross Roads House, Inc.
Granite State Organizing Project
Keene Housing
SHARE Fund, Inc.

New Jersey

Bridges Outreach, Inc.
Collective for Community, Culture & Environment
Community Hope
Culture Change
Housing Authority of Gloucester County
Housing Initiatives of Princeton
I Choose Home Program
Monarch Housing Associates
Morris Habitat for Humanity
New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.
New Jersey Association on Correction
New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence
New Jersey Tenants Organization
Not in Our Town Princeton
Princeton Community Housing
The Supportive Housing Association of NJ
The Waterfront Project, Inc.
WAFAA Organization

New Mexico

Albuquerque Affordable Housing Coalition
Catholic Charities (Santa Fe)
El Valle Women's Alliance
New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty
St. Elizabeth Shelters & Supportive Housing

New York

2&4 Tenants Association
334 East 92nd Street Tenants Association
ACMH, Inc.
Albany Housing Coalition
Blueprint 15, Inc.
CAMBA and CAMBA Housing Ventures
Care For the Homeless
Catholic Charities Housing Office
Center For Community Alternatives

Center for Urban Community Services
CNY Fair Housing, Inc.
Coalition for the Homeless
Community Counseling and Mediation, CCM
Community League of the Heights, Inc.
Community Service Society of NY
Gateway Housing
Geel Community Services, Inc.
Goddard Riverside
Habitat for Humanity of Ontario County
Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins and Cortland Counties
Henry Street Settlement
Homeless Services United
Housing and Services, Inc.
Hudson River Housing
Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc.
IMPACCT Brooklyn
Independent Living, Inc.
Johnson Park Center (JPC)
Joseph's House & Shelter, Inc.
Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
MOMMA'S House
New Destiny Housing
New York Housing Conference
New York State Tenants & Neighbors
People, Inc.
Pratt Area Community Council, Inc.
Property Resources Corporation
Providence House, Inc.
Samaritan Daytop Village
Schenectady Community Action Program
Services for the UnderServed
St. Francis Friends of the Poor
STEL, Inc.
Strycker's Bay Neighborhood Council
Tenants Political Action Committee
The Alpha Workshops
The Doe Fund, Inc.
The Partnership for the Homeless
Tompkins Community Action, Inc.
United Way of Westchester and Putnam
Unity House of Troy, Inc.
University Consultation & Treatment Center for Mental Hygiene, Inc.
Urban Pathways
Urbecon LLC
WellLife Network
YWCA Binghamton & Broome County
YWCA-GCR, Inc.

North Carolina

Affordable Housing Management, Inc.

Bishop's Committee on Affordable Housing (Episcopal Diocese of NC)
disAbility Resource Center
Good Shepherd Center
Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne
Helping Hands of Carolinas
Just Economics Western North Carolina
NC Housing Coalition
Olive Hill Community Economic Development Corporation, Inc.
RESULTS Raleigh
Tenants Leadership Academy
The Green Chair Project
The Salvation Army of Wake County
Wake County Housing Justice Coalition

Ohio

COHHIO
Community Shelter Board
Hope House of Prayer
Human Service Chamber of Franklin County
Indivisible Wooster
JOVIS
Kings Local Food Pantry
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry
Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity
Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless
Ohio CDC Association
Ohio Poverty Law Center
Over-the-Rhine Community Housing
Peaslee Neighborhood Center, Inc.
Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation

Oklahoma

Central Oklahoma Commercial Association of Real Estate

Oregon

CASA of Oregon
Housing Oregon
Innovative Housing, Inc.
Northwest Pilot Project

Pennsylvania

5th Square
Affordable Housing Centers of Pennsylvania
Allentown Housing Authority
City of Philadelphia
Community Advocates of Montgomery County
Freedom Valley Disability Enablement, Inc.
Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County
Hill District Consensus Group
Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania
Lawrence County Housing Authority

Liberty Resources, Inc.
Nictown Community Development Center
Pennsylvania Association of Housing & Redevelopment Agencies
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations
Pittsburgh Black Worker Center
Resident Advisory Board of Philadelphia
The Maple Corporation
Voices for Independence

Puerto Rico

Coalición de Coaliciones Pro Personas sin Hogar de PR, Inc.
Corporación La Fondita de Jesús

Rhode Island

HousingWorks RI
RI Coalition for the Homeless

South Carolina

Community First Land Trust
SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center

South Dakota

Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership for Housing, Inc.

Tennessee

A Voice for the Reduction of Poverty
Blount County Habitat for Humanity
Clarksville Montgomery County Crisis Intervention, Inc.
Family Promise of Bradley County
Habitat For Humanity of Greater Memphis
Nashville Jewish Social Justice Roundtable
RESULTS East Tennessee
Sparta Housing Authority
Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition
Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

Texas

Abilene Hope Haven
Austin Housing Coalition
Avenue Community Development Corporation
Center for Civic and Public Policy Improvement
Coalition of Community Organizations
Education Based Housing, Inc.
Esperanza Peace and Justice Center
Family Eldercare
GG Janitorial and Investments LLC
Greater Garth Chapel AME Church
Habitat for Humanity of San Angelo, Inc.
Habitat Montgomery County Texas
NestQuest Houston

New Hope Housing
REACH, Inc.
RESULTS Dallas
Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas, Inc.
Texas Gulf Coast Area Labor Federation AFL-CIO
Texas Housers

Utah

Crossroads Urban Center
Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Utah
The INN Between
Utah Housing Corporation

Vermont

Downstreet Housing and Community Development
Lamoille Housing Partnership
Vermont Housing Finance Agency
VT Affordable Housing Coalition

Virginia

Access Independence, Inc.
Better Housing Coalition
Blue Ridge Independent Living Center
City of Alexandria, Economic Opportunity Council
DSA Housing Justice Workgroup
Eastern Shore of Virginia Habitat for Humanity Inc.
Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia
Independence Empowerment Center
Our Community Place
Piedmont Housing Alliance
Rush Homes, Inc.
Shuler Strategies Group LLC
The Disability Resource Center of the Rappahannock Area, Inc.
Virginia Housing Alliance

Washington

Be:Seattle
Canyon Summit Services
Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence
Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County
Interlm CDA
Low Income Housing Institute
Mariposa House (Forks Abuse Program)
OPAL Community Land Trust
Parallax Perspectives
Partners for Rural Washington
Resident Action Project
Risk Research
Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness
Solid Ground
SouthEast Effective Development

Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund
Washington Low Income Housing Alliance
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

West Virginia

On The Streets Committee
West Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness

Wisconsin

Affordable Housing Action Alliance
Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin
Community Development Authority
Inner City Redevelopment Corp
L.E. Phillips CDC Outreach Office
MACH OneHealth
Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council
Pathfinders Milwaukee, Inc.
Raelyn Labs
Sawyer County Housing Authority
WI Housing First Coalition
Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, Inc.