



TALKING POINTS

FEDERAL BUDGET

1. A safe, decent, accessible, and affordable home is the building block to all other areas of life, but there is a shortage of affordable rental housing in every community around the country, including the legislator's district/state.
2. For housing data for your state, see <https://nlihc.org/housing-needs-by-state>.
3. This shortage slows economic growth, drives up healthcare costs, and traps families and communities in poverty.
4. The shortage of affordable homes is the direct result of underfunded federal housing programs.
5. HUD programs typically need at least \$1.5 billion more each year to cover inflationary costs in order to serve the same number of households and maintain program levels.
6. Additional federal resources are needed to fully address the need.

ASK:

Please reject any proposed cuts to housing benefits and instead work with your colleagues to fund HUD and USDA housing programs to the highest levels possible to ensure everyone has a safe, accessible, and affordable home.



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