

The Honorable Charles Schumer Majority Leader U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

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

The Honorable Patrick Leahy Chairman, Committee on Appropriations The Honorable Brian Schatz Chair, Subcommittee on T-HUD U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair, Committee on Appropriations The Honorable David Price Chair, Subcommittee on T-HUD U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Mitch McConnell Minority Leader U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

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

The Honorable Richard Shelby Vice Chairman, Committee on Appropriations The Honorable Susan Collins Ranking Member, Subcommittee on T-HUD U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart Ranking Member, Subcommittee on T-HUD U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leader McCarthy, Chair DeLauro, Chairman Leahy, Ranking Member Granger, and Vice Chairman Shelby, Chair Price, Chair Schatz, Ranking Member Collins, and Ranking Member Granger,

The below members of the Steering Committee of the <u>Campaign for Housing and Community</u> <u>Development Funding</u>*, representing the more than 70 national organizations in the housing and community development field, urge Congress to act expeditiously to enact the highest possible funding for housing and community development programs for fiscal year 2022.

We urge the Senate to look to the House Committee on Appropriations fiscal year 2022 HUD bill and, when more generous, to the President's requests for the fiscal year 2022 HUD bill. We also urge Congress to enact a fiscal year 2022 HUD funding bill as soon as possible. Multiple and/or lengthy Continuing Resolutions are a recipe for greatly delayed funding for existing programs and for even longer waits for housing assistance and community investments, neither of which serve the country well.



Ten years' of federal spending caps have wreaked havoc on the ability of public and private organizations to adequately respond to the nation's severe lack of affordable and accessible housing and the ubiquitous need for additional community development resources.

We are very grateful for the increases in the House Committee on Appropriations fiscal year 2022 HUD bill, which we see as a reflection of the need for, and the successful track record of, the HUD programs it funds. We urge quick House passage of the bill.

Now is the time to take significant steps to truly meet the housing and community development needs of the nation.

Sincerely,

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*More about the members, mission, and work of the <u>Campaign for Housing and Community</u> <u>Development Funding</u>.