



Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding
Working to ensure maximum federal resources for housing and community development

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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 Sherrod Brown
Chair
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maxine Waters
Chair
Financial Services Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

To Majority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, Chair Brown, and Chair Waters:

As Congress continues to advance the Build Back Better Act, we, the members of the [Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding](#)^{*}, representing the housing and community development field, urge you to ensure that this historic legislation **maintains the highest level of funding possible** for critical housing and community development investments. While legislation approved by the House Financial Services Committee on September 14 provides \$327 billion in investments in affordable, accessible housing and community development, recent reports indicate that President Biden and congressional leaders are considering drastically cutting housing investments to only provide “up to \$100 billion.” We strongly oppose such significant cuts. Robust housing investments **must be included** in any final economic recovery package to help millions of households of color, older adults, people with disabilities, women and families with children, people experiencing homelessness, and other households and their communities thrive.

Housing investments are foundational to other priorities in the Build Back Better Act, including healthcare, racial equity, climate change, and the care economy. Like roads and bridges, fair, affordable, and accessible housing in strong, resourced communities is a long-term investment that provides families and individuals with low incomes the stability needed to thrive, while furthering neighborhood revitalization. Our nation’s long-standing lack of affordable and accessible housing and the need for additional community development resources has only been exacerbated by the hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic over the past year and a half.

Congress has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in the affordable housing and community development needs acutely felt by underserved people and communities across our country. For this reason, we urge you to seize this opportunity to make bold investments **at the highest level of funding possible** to improve the lives of millions of Americans and those living in the US.

Sincerely,

American Association of Service Coordinators
B'nai B'rith International
Catholic Charities USA
Center for Community Progress
Center for Disability Rights
Council of Large Public Housing Authorities
Council of State Community Development Agencies
CSH
Enterprise Community Partners
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fahe
Funders Together to End Homelessness
Grounded Solutions Network
Habitat for Humanity International
Housing Assistance Council
LeadingAge
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Low Income Investment Fund
National Affordable Housing Management Association
National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations
National Alliance to End Homelessness
National Association for County Community and Economic Development
National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders
National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials
National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies
National Center for Housing & Child Welfare
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
National Coalition for the Homeless
National Community Development Association
National Council of State Housing Agencies
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
National Homelessness Law Center
National Housing Law Project
National Housing Resource Center
National Housing Trust
National Leased Housing Association
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National NeighborWorks Association
National Network to End Domestic Violence
National Partnership for Women and Families
National Women's Law Center
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Public Housing Authorities Directors Association
Poverty & Race Research Action Council
Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future

*More about the members, mission, and work of the [Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding](#).