

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Steve Womack
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James Clyburn
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
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Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn:

We write to express our strong support for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and respectfully ask the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) to provide at least \$1.5 billion for HOME in Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 to meet the affordable housing needs of low-income households across the country.

For more than 30 years, HOME has proven to be one of the most effective, locally driven tools to help states and communities address their most pressing housing challenges. Overseen by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HOME is the only federal block grant program exclusively focused on helping states and communities address their affordable housing needs for low-income households, including veterans, persons with disabilities, seniors, and persons experiencing homelessness. HOME has also proven critical as gap financing for properties financed through the Housing Credit and other programs, and it is often used by communities rebuilding from natural disasters.

HOME can be used for new multi-family rental construction and rehabilitation, homeowner rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, and tenant-based rental assistance. States and local communities use HOME to fund new production where affordable housing is scarce, rehabilitation where housing quality is a challenge, rental assistance when units are available, and homeownership opportunities when it is most needed. This flexibility means that states and communities can quickly react to changes in their local housing markets. HOME funds serve as a critical resource for communities in all 50 states and in every congressional district. Since 1992, HOME has built and preserved nearly 1.4 million affordable rental homes and provided direct rental assistance to more than 400,000 families. The HOME program has a remarkably successful track record of attracting other sources of public and private capital and leverages

nearly \$5 for every \$1 invested in the program. This investment has supported an estimated 2 million jobs and generated \$140 billion in local economic impact.

The HOME program has been underfunded in recent years, receiving \$1.25 billion in FY26 and FY24, which is \$250 million less than FY23, more than \$500 million below FY10, and significantly below the authorization level of \$2.1 billion when HOME was last reauthorized in 1994. The reductions in funding have real and serious consequences for families in need, particularly as we continue to weather the current shortage of 7.2 million affordable rental homes in the United States, where only 35 affordable homes are available for every 100 extremely low-income renter households. At the same time, home prices continue to rise steadily. Addressing the affordable housing crisis is also essential to the economy overall, with housing representing more than a third of the Consumer Price Index as of February 2026, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, making it one of the largest components of the inflation calculation.

The HOME program enjoys bipartisan support, as demonstrated most recently by provisions included in H.R. 6644, the Housing for the 21st Century Act, and S. 2651, the Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream (ROAD) to Housing Act, which reauthorize HOME and make key enhancements to the program that enable it to better create housing for low-income families. Given the bipartisan urgency to address the nation's affordable housing shortage, it is more important than ever to adequately fund the HOME program, a proven and effective tool to increase the supply of both rental and for-sale units.

We urge you to increase HOME program funding to at least \$1.5 billion to promote local economic development, create jobs, and ensure that every American has access to a safe, affordable home.

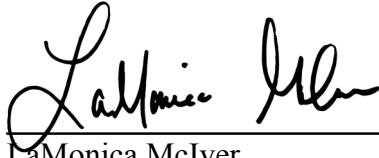
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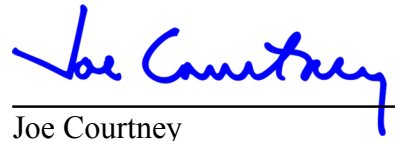
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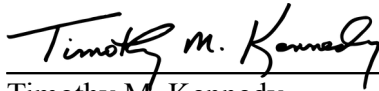
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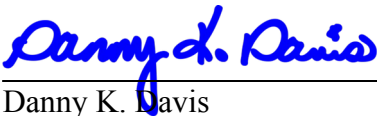
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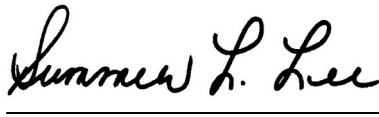
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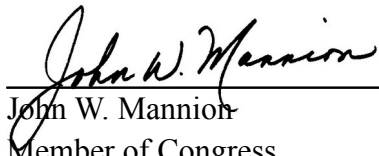
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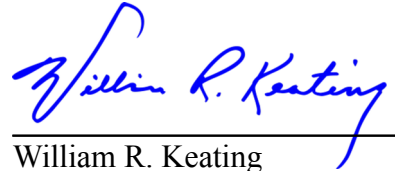
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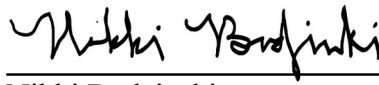
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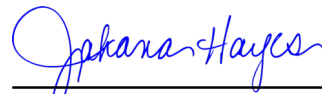
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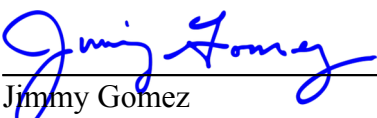
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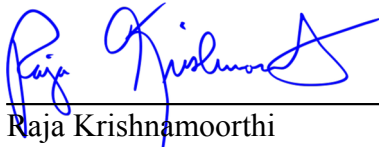
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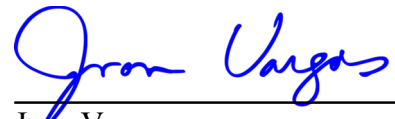
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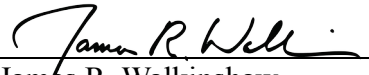
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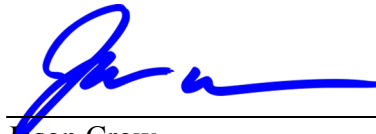
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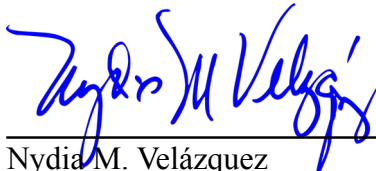
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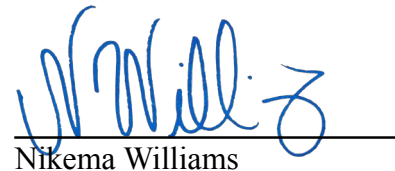
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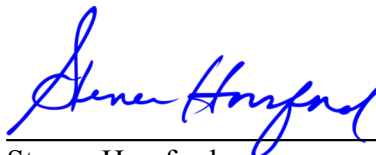
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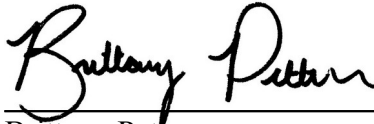
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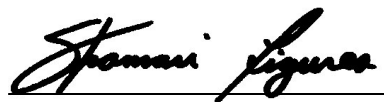
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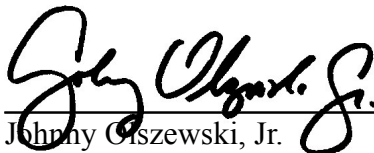
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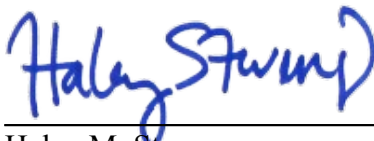
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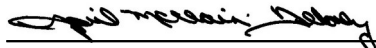
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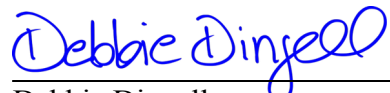
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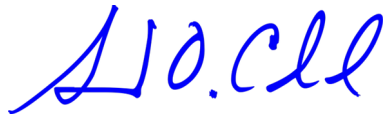
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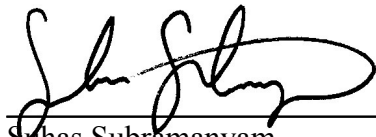
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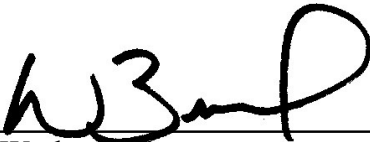
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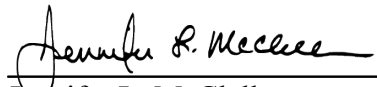
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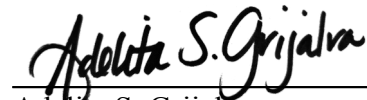
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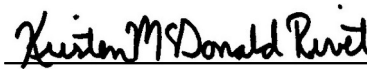
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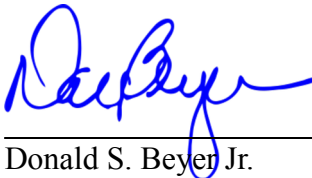
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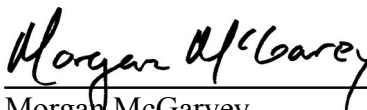
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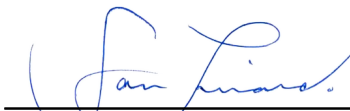
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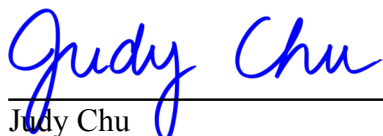
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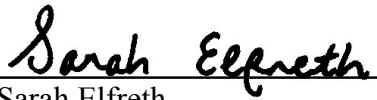
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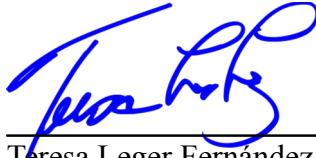
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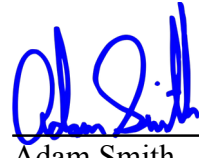
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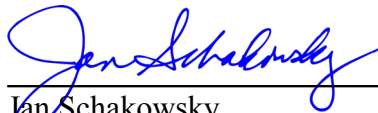
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