



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:

We, the members of the [Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding](#)^{*}, representing the housing and community development field, **urge Congress to quickly enact the Build Back Better Act, including its historic investments in affordable housing and community development.** Currently, the legislation provides \$154 billion in investments in affordable, accessible housing and community development, which will 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 must be included in any budget reconciliation bill, and should not be broken off into a separate bill that will face an even steeper path to enactment.**

Housing investments are foundational to other priorities in the Build Back Better Act, including healthcare and care economy infrastructure, racial equity, and climate change. Like roads and bridges, housing investments are also foundational to infrastructure, shaping our built environment for decades. Long-term investments in fair, affordable, and accessible housing in strong, well-resourced communities provide 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 been exacerbated by the hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic over the past two years. Housing prices are increasing at record levels; home prices increased 19 percent and national rents increased by nearly 18 percent in the past year. The housing investments in Build Back Better are critical to addressing housing inflation.

The Build Back Better Act is 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 Congress to seize this opportunity to quickly enact the Build Back Better Act, including its bold investments in affordable housing and community development, to improve the lives of millions of people.**

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 Healthy Housing
National Center for Housing & Child Welfare
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
National Coalition for Homeless Veterans
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

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