



The Honorable Tom Cole
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307, The Capitol
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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March 13, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

Across the country the lack of affordable housing options continues in a state of crisis. Not a single state or Congressional district currently meets their full demand for housing. As you deliberate on Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) appropriations, we the undersigned, who are all members of the New Democrat Coalition, urge you to prioritize programs that will help boost the supply of affordable housing and help Americans afford their homes. We look forward to collaborating with the committee to secure federal funding for FY27 and address this critical need.

Building Housing Supply

Fundamentally, there are not enough homes in the places that Americans want to live, work, and raise a family. The shortage is most acute among households paid the lowest wages, who face a shortage of over 7.1 million units of affordable, available housing. Federal funds are a powerful incentive to remove barriers to housing development so all Americans can live where they want. In support of housing supply, we ask that the Committee provide funding of:

- \$1.25 billion for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program;
- \$75 million for the Choice Neighborhoods Program; and
- \$1.3 billion to support efforts to boost Tribal housing supply, plus \$150 million for competitive funds targeted to Tribes with the greatest needs.

We ask that you support robust funding for other critical programs that incentivize housing development, including the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and the PRICE housing program for manufactured housing. We also request robust funding for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing Program, to assist states and municipalities in lowering barriers to housing development.

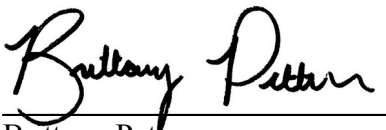
Getting Better Data

To better inform federal housing efforts and ensure efficient use of federal funds, we ask that the Committee include language recommending that the Census Bureau consider adding supplemental modules or additional questions to existing federal survey efforts like the American Community Survey, American Housing Survey, and Household Pulse Survey to better understand the scope of residential displacement. We therefore request the following report language be included in the FY27 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill:

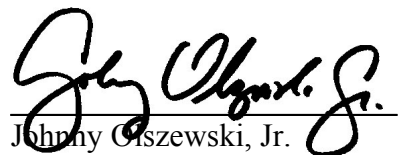
“The Committee is keenly aware of the significant challenges a lack of data causes in understanding the scope of U.S. housing loss, otherwise known as residential displacement, and making federal housing decisions to address it. Many communities are facing a crisis of evictions, foreclosures, and other forms of housing loss, however we do not know the full scale of this crisis because the Federal government does not track residential displacement. The Committee requests that, within 90 days of enactment, the Census Bureau provide an overview of questions related to forced moves at the household level that are currently included in an existing federal survey instrument, for example, the American Community Survey, American Housing Survey, or the Household Pulse Survey; recommendations for additional data modules to existing federal surveys to better understand how many individuals experienced housing loss in the prior year, and for what reason; and recommendations to Congress on what additional resources and authorities are necessary to develop and deploy these additional data modules”

Housing is foundational to the American Dream, and every American deserves affordable, accessible, and stable housing. We hope the Committee will support these commonsense programs to uplift American communities and enable them to share fully in our national life.

Sincerely,



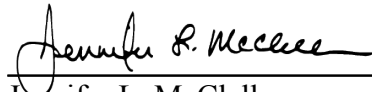
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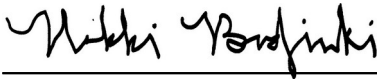
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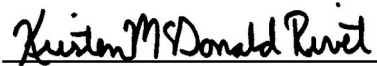
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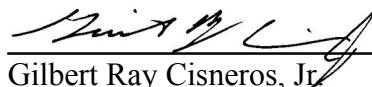
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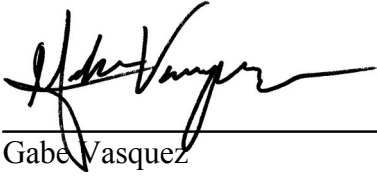
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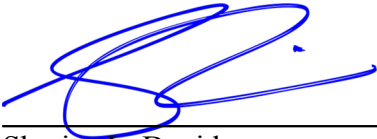
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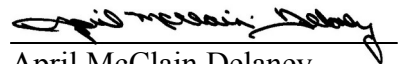
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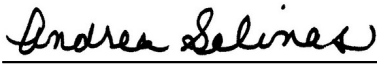
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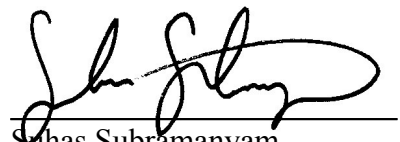
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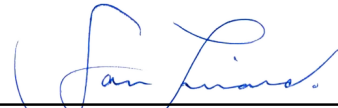
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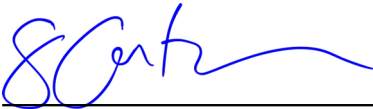
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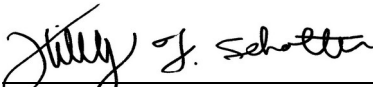
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