



## Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding

*Working to ensure maximum federal resources for housing and community development.*

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The Honorable Harry Reid, Richard Durbin, Daniel Inouye and Timothy Johnson  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Jon Kyl, Thad Cochran and Richard Shelby

Dear Members of the Leadership of the Senate:

On February 19, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1, the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011. The House is now also proposing HUD cuts in a short term Continuing Resolution (CR) that is expected to be voted on this week. The House bill would make deep and, in some cases, total cuts to affordable housing and community development assistance programs despite the growing hardship experienced by low income families. These cuts would severely impact millions of people served by programs that prevent people from losing their homes, stabilize communities, and promote economic mobility and job creation. These are exactly the investments that must be made in light of the economic uncertainty our nation still faces because they stabilize families and create jobs. The cuts would undermine the very economic recovery that the country so desperately needs.

We recognize that the nation must reduce its deficit, but slashing critical domestic discretionary programs that serve vulnerable families will not solve our long-term fiscal problems. H.R. 1 would harm the most vulnerable households at a time when they can least afford it. In fact, on February 1 of this year, HUD released its Worst Case Housing Needs Report to Congress and revealed that the number of households with worse case housing needs increased by 20 percent from 2007 to 2009.

Therefore, the undersigned members of the Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding (CHCDF), a group of 72 national organizations representing all 50 states and territories, call on you to reject the severe cuts in H.R. 1 and in the House proposed Continuing Resolution to prevent the loss of vital HUD programs. Specifically, we ask you to prevent cuts to the following HUD programs that H.R. 1 and the House CR would eliminate or reduce below the levels of the Senate Appropriations Committee bill or the President's FY11 request:

- Project Based Rental Assistance
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- Public Housing Operating Fund
- Public Housing Capital Fund
- Transforming Rental Assistance
- HOPE VI/Choice Neighborhoods
- Native American Housing Block Grants
- Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants
- Community Development Fund
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- Housing Counseling Assistance
- Homeless Assistance Grants
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
- Energy Innovation Fund
- Brownfields Redevelopment
- Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control
- Section 202 Housing for the Elderly
- Section 811 Housing for People with Disabilities

Members of CHCDF stand ready to work with you to find responsible ways to continue to address our nation's housing and community development needs.

Sincerely,

Coalition on Human Needs  
Community Action Partnership  
Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities  
Corporation for Supportive Housing  
Council of Large Public Housing Authorities  
Council of State Community and Economic Development Agencies  
Enterprise Community Partners  
Housing Assistance Council  
LeadingAge (formerly AAHSA)  
Local Initiatives Support Coalition  
Lutheran Services in America  
National AIDS Housing Coalition  
National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Alliance to End Homelessness  
National American Indian Housing Council  
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials  
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development  
National Coalition for the Homeless  
National Community Development Association  
National Council of State Housing Agencies  
National Housing Conference  
National Housing Trust  
National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
National NeighborWorks Association  
National Network for Youth  
National Network to End Domestic Violence  
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby  
Public Housing Authorities Directors Association  
Rebuilding Together  
RISE, America!  
Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future  
The Jewish Federations of North America  
Travelers Aid International