



July 18, 2016  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

The National Housing Conference (NHC) thanks the Senate for approving H.R. 3700, the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2015, by unanimous consent.

This important legislation will streamline and reform federal housing programs to expand affordable housing opportunities for low-income families in high-opportunity neighborhoods, improve the quality of life for public housing residents, strengthen work incentives, reduce homelessness and reduce regulatory barriers. This bill builds on the strengths of federal rental assistance programs with common-sense improvements that will result in meaningful housing opportunities.

As Congress looks to the election season, NHC hopes that you will keep housing affordability challenges in mind. While the passage of this legislation is an important step forward, there is still much work to be done to ensure safe, decent and affordable housing for all in America. NHC thanks you for supporting H.R. 3700 and looks forward to your continued partnership and collaboration.

**About the National Housing Conference**

The National Housing Conference represents a diverse membership of housing stakeholders including tenant advocates, mortgage bankers, nonprofit and for-profit home builders, property managers, policy practitioners, real estate professional, equity investors and more, all of whom share a commitment to safe, decent and affordable housing for all in America. We are the nation's oldest housing advocacy organization, dedicated to the affordable housing mission since our founding in 1931. As a nonpartisan, 501(c)3 nonprofit, we are a research and education resource working to advance housing policy at all levels of government in order to improve housing outcomes for all in this country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Estes".

Chris Estes  
President & CEO