

# **National Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Task Force**

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The Honorable Judy Biggert  
Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing  
and Community Opportunity  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairperson Biggert and Ranking Member Gutierrez:

We, the members of the National Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Task Force, are writing to express our support for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) and to oppose the Committee's plans to introduce a bill to terminate the program.

Convened in November 2007, the National Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Task Force is a cross-industry group of local and national organizations working to address the impacts of the foreclosure crisis on communities. Our mission is to bring together advocates, practitioners, and other experts from across the country around foreclosure prevention and neighborhood stabilization efforts to exchange critical information and to help craft policy, legislative, and programmatic initiatives that primarily support low and moderate-income individuals and families.

All three rounds of NSP are critical because they provide emergency assistance to states, local governments, and nonprofits to acquire and redevelop foreclosed, vacant, and abandoned properties that have become blights on the community and are driving down neighboring property values. The first two rounds of the NSP program will impact an estimated 80,000 foreclosed, abandoned, or vacant properties, and we estimate that NSP3 will impact tens of thousands more. Terminating the program in the middle of the foreclosure crisis would further harm neighborhoods and would slow the recovery of the housing market.

Therefore, we strongly urge you to permit the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to continue helping America's neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

The undersigned organizations and localities of the National Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Task Force:

Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development  
Arizona Foreclosure Prevention Task Force  
Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc.  
Center for Community Progress  
Center for New York City Neighborhoods  
Citizens' Housing and Planning Association  
City of Chicago, Department of Housing and Economic Development  
City of Newark  
Columbus Housing Partnership  
Council of State Community Development Agencies  
Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation  
Detroit Office of Foreclosure Prevention and Response  
Diamond State Community Land Trust  
Enterprise Community Partners  
Habitat for Humanity International  
Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake  
Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc.  
HousingWorks RI  
Greater Rochester Housing Partnership  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
Louisiana Housing Alliance  
Massachusetts Housing Partnership  
Mercy Housing  
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials  
National Community Land Trust Network  
National Community Reinvestment Coalition  
National Community Stabilization Trust  
National Council of La Raza  
National Council of State Housing Agencies  
National Housing Conference  
National Housing Institute  
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty  
National NeighborWorks Association  
Neighborhood Housing Services of Phoenix, Inc.  
Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida  
New York Mortgage Coalition  
Northfield Community LDC of Staten Island, Inc.  
Omni New York, LLC.  
PolicyLink  
Rebuilding Together  
Restoring Urban Neighborhoods, LLC.

RISE, America!  
Smart Growth America  
St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center  
Stewards for Affordable Housing for the Future  
The Community Builders, Inc.  
The Housing Partnership Network  
The Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development, Inc.  
Urban Housing Solutions, Inc.