



COALITION ON HUMAN NEEDS

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The Honorable Barney Frank
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Frank:

The Coalition on Human Needs is deeply concerned about the housing crisis affecting the poorest in our country, denying them their human right to a decent, affordable place to call home. We strongly support the creation of a National Housing Trust Fund called for in the legislation you will soon introduce to address this unacceptable reality.

The Coalition on Human Needs is an alliance of national organizations – service providers, religious groups, policy experts, labor, civil rights, and other advocacy groups especially concerned with the needs of low-income and vulnerable people. We know that there is a clear correlation between stable housing and children's health and their ability to learn. Stable housing is also essential for working adults needing to find and keep jobs to support their families.

The goal of the bill you will introduce is to provide 1.5 million additional units of housing for low- and extremely low-income families over the next ten years to address the shortfall of housing most acute for these populations. We applaud that goal, and appreciate the fact that nonprofits, faith-based organizations and other entities with demonstrated experience will be eligible to use money from the Trust Fund to produce the housing.

We look forward to working with you to create a National Housing Trust Fund so that fewer families will have to endure the anxiety of not having a home. Thank you for your consistent and long-standing commitment to creating housing for those who can least afford it.

Sincerely,

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