



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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The Honorable Barney Frank
Chairman
House Financial Services Committee
2129 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Frank:

On behalf of the 235,000 members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), I am writing to commend your efforts on the introduction of the *National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007* that would provide grants and other assistance in support of the production, rehabilitation and preservation of affordable housing. NAHB's members are acutely aware of the significant and urgent unmet housing needs throughout the country, and welcome your initiative to marshal additional resources to improve housing opportunities and conditions in America's communities. In conjunction with efforts to revitalize the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), we believe that the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund can greatly improve housing opportunities for those that need it most.

NAHB supports the creation of a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund and is strongly interested in becoming an active partner in this effort. We would like to work with you to ensure the legislation has income targeting requirements that allow grantees and grant recipients to meet the fullest range of critical housing needs; affordable housing stipulations that allow effective and efficient use of Trust Fund monies in conjunction with other federal and state housing programs; appropriate comprehensive definitions of eligible activities; and, adequate standards of experience and capacity for grant recipients, along with results-focused allocation criteria, to ensure the best possible use of this valuable resource.

NAHB believes this legislation is a key opportunity, along with legislation to revitalize the FHA, to address the issue of affordable housing, and we look forward to offering more detailed recommendations on ways to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of this exciting new program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JMS", is written over a white background.

Joseph M. Stanton

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