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The Honorable Barney Frank  
Chairman, Committee on Financial Services  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairman Frank:

The National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH) is pleased to offer our enthusiastic support for the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007.

NCH, founded in 1984, is the oldest organization advocating with and on behalf of persons experiencing homelessness. We are committed to creating the systemic and attitudinal changes necessary to prevent and end homelessness. At the same time, we work to meet the immediate needs of people who are currently experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of doing so.

We strongly believe that each member of society, including people experiencing homelessness, has a right to decent, accessible, affordable, and permanent housing. It is society's responsibility to provide such housing for those who can not secure it through their own means.

NCH is proud of the role we played in envisioning a national affordable housing trust fund and setting its fundamental principles. We are pleased that our Community Housing Investment Trust proposal of nearly a decade ago has evolved into the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of today. Further, a national affordable housing trust fund has been the housing centerpiece of our Bringing America Home Act of both the 108th and 109th Congresses.

As we approach next month's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, the nation's first comprehensive homeless assistance measure, it is fitting and proper – and long-overdue – that Congress takes decisive action to end the affordable housing crisis that is at the very root of homelessness among over three million of our nation's residents annually. Passage of the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act is imperative to Bringing America Home, and accordingly has our full support.

Sincerely,

Michael Stoops  
Acting Executive Director  
National Coalition for the Homeless