



**Ohio Homes,
Ohio Voices**

May 1, 2018

Dear Members of Ohio's Congressional Delegation:

We, the undersigned organizations, respectfully request your support for increased funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's programs that create access to safe, decent affordable housing for low-income Ohioans.

Rental assistance, homeless grants, public housing, Community Development Block Grants, and HOME are essential for making home a reality for people with disabilities, seniors, homeless veterans and working families in your district. Although the President's budget would cut or eliminate these programs, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 presents real opportunity to invest the resources we need to address Ohio's growing housing affordability crisis.

Despite the economic recovery of recent years, housing costs are increasing much faster than incomes and the number of households who struggle to pay rent and avoid homelessness remains near record levels. In Ohio, nearly 400,000 households now spend over half their income on rent. Meanwhile, funding for HUD programs for affordable homes has been decreasing. Only one in four households that qualify for housing assistance actually receive it.

Given this challenging environment, imposing misguided work requirements and raising rents would effectively eliminate rental assistance for many vulnerable families and exacerbate housing insecurity for low-income households.

We ask that you support a reasonable increase for HUD programs that would expand access to affordable housing that is essential for the health and well-being of your constituents. In particular, we request a significant increase for rental assistance, which has proven the most cost-effective, flexible, and successful way to house low-income families, seniors and people with disabilities.

Respectfully,



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1. Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio
2. Council for Rural Housing & Development of Ohio
3. Equitas Health
4. Enterprise Community Partners
5. Finance Fund
6. Greater Ohio Policy Center
7. Habitat for Humanity of Ohio
8. Hunger Network in Ohio
9. Huntington Community Development Corp.
10. LeadingAge Ohio
11. League of Women Voters of Ohio
12. NAMI Ohio
13. National Church Residences
14. NeighborWorks Collaborative of Ohio
15. Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging
16. Ohio Association of Foodbanks
17. Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing
18. Ohio CDC Association
19. Ohio Conference of Community Development, Inc.
20. Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers
21. Ohio Education Association
22. Ohio Fair Lending Coalition
23. Ohio Federation of Teachers
24. Ohio Healthy Homes Network
25. Ohio Poverty Law Center
26. Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council
27. Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland
28. Sisters of Charity Health System
29. The Salvation Army
30. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Ohio
31. Voices for Ohio's Children
32. Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio
33. a.m. RODRIGUEZ ASSOCIATES inc.
34. Affordable Housing Advisors, LLC
35. Affordable Housing Advocates
36. Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio
37. Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County
38. AJM First Capital, LLC
39. Alliance for Children & Families
40. American Association of Service Coordinators
41. Appleseed CMHC
42. Asian Services In Action
43. ASSETS Toledo
44. Aurora Project, Inc.
45. Barbara Poppe & Associates,
46. Battered Women's Shelter of Summit & Medina Counties
47. Beacon 360 Management
48. Beatitude House
49. Bethany House Services
50. Buckeye Community Hope Foundation
51. Burns, Bertsch & Harris, Inc.
52. Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc.
53. Butler Metropolitan Housing Authority
54. Catholic Charities Housing Corp.
55. CDC Association of Greater Cincinnati
56. Center for Independent Living Options, Inc.
57. Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation
58. CHN Housing Partners
59. Cincinnati Development Fund
60. City of Barberton
61. City of Bowling Green
62. City of Fairborn, Ohio
63. City of Hamilton
64. City of Newark, Ohio



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65. Clermont County Community Services, Inc.
66. Clinton Metropolitan Housing Authority
67. Clintonville Beechwold Comm. Resources Center
68. CommQuest Services, Inc.
69. Community Development Corporations Association of Greater Cincinnati
70. Community Development for All People
71. Community Development of Central Ohio
72. Community Housing Network
73. Community Properties of Ohio
74. Community Revitalization Training center
75. Community Shelter Board
76. Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development
77. County Corp
78. CRTC, Llc
79. Cudell Improvement, Inc.
80. Dale Saylor & Associates
81. Daybreak
82. Dayspring Christian CDC
83. Defiance County Residential Housing
84. Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization
85. Doctors Organized for Health Care Solutions
86. East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation
87. Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Inc.
88. Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc.
89. Erie Design
90. ESOP
91. Fair Housing Center
92. Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation
93. Fairfield Homes, Inc.
94. Faith Mission
95. Famicos Foundation
96. family connection center
97. Family Promise of Greater Cleveland
98. Franklinton Urban Empowerment Lab
99. Freedom House
100. Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County
101. Fulton County Job & Family Services
102. FutureHeights
103. Greene Metropolitan Housing Authority
104. Greenstone Developers LLC
105. Habitat for Humanity in Wayne County, Inc.
106. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati
107. Habitat for Humanity of Richland and Crawford Counties
108. Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio
109. Harmony House Homeless Services, Inc.
110. Harrison Metropolitan Housing Authority
111. Havens Vineyard
112. Help for homelessness and beyond inc
113. HelpLine
114. Heritage Ohio
115. Hert Consulting, LLC
116. Highland County Homeless Shelter
117. Hit Foundation
118. Hocking Metropolitan Housing Authority
119. Home Is The Foundation
120. Home Repair Resource Center
121. Homefull
122. Homeless Families Foundation
123. Homeport
124. Homes on the Hill, CDC
125. Independent Living Options, Inc.



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126. Interchurch Social Services of Knox County, Inc.
127. Interfaith Hospitality Network
128. Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greene
129. Ironton Lawrence CAO
130. Jackson MHA
131. Jennings
132. JOVIS
133. Kamm's Corners Development Corp.
134. Kimistry LLC
135. Kings Local Food Pantry
136. Kno-Ho-Co-Ashland Community Action Commission
137. Knox Metropolitan Housing Authority
138. KWermeister Consulting
139. Lakewood Chamber of Commerce
140. LakewoodAlive
141. Lancaster Fairfield Community Action
142. Leading Families Home
143. Legacy III
144. Leighty and Snider, Inc.
145. Levin Group, Inc
146. Licking County Coalition for Housing
147. Local Initiatives Support Corporation
148. Lowenstein Development
149. Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority
150. Luken Solutions
151. MACHDO
152. Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation
153. Mahoning County Homeless Continuum of Care
154. Maryellen Hess Cameron
155. Maumee Valley Guidance Center
156. Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity
157. Miami Valley Community Action Partnership
158. MidTown Cleveland
159. Millennia Housing Development
160. Moms & Babies First
161. Moorehead Consultants Ltd.
162. Morrow Metropolitan Housing Authority
163. Mustard Seed Development Center
164. National Affordable Housing Trust
165. National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations
166. Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield
167. Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland
168. Neighborhood Properties Inc.
169. New Directions for Living, Inc.
170. New Home Development
171. New Hope Recovery
172. New Housing Ohio, Inc.
173. New Lima - Housing For The Future
174. Next Step
175. NHDC-1
176. NHS of Hamilton
177. Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless
178. Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission
179. NW Ohio Housing Coalition
180. Oak Hill Collaborative
181. Old Brooklyn Community Development Corp.
182. One South Euclid
183. Over-the-Rhine Community Housing
184. Parsons Avenue Redevelopment Corporation
185. Partners Achieving Community Transformation
186. Phase one recovery for women
187. Pickaway County Community Action Org., Inc.
188. Pike County Community Action Committee



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189. Pike County Outreach Council of Churches, Inc.
190. PIRHL, LLC
191. PLACES Incorporated
192. Planning and Development Consultant
193. Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc.
194. Policy Matters Ohio
195. Price Hill Will
196. Project 61
197. Project Woman of Ohio
198. Randall B. Shorr, Attorney at Law
199. Rebuilding Together Central Ohio
200. Red Stone Tax-Exempt Funding
201. Regional Housing Center
202. Reliable Hearts
203. Resource Incubation Development Economics
204. Rose Community Capital
205. Ross County Community Action Commission, Inc.
206. Saad & Saad LLP/Star Title Agency LLC
207. SALUS DEVELOPMENT LLC
208. Sandusky County Habitat for Humanity
209. Santa Maria Community Services
210. Slavic Village Development
211. Somali Community Association of Ohio
212. Southeast Inc/Friends of the Homeless
213. Spatialist LLC
214. St. Mary Development Corp.
215. St. Paul's Community Center
216. StarkFresh
217. Stock Development Company
218. STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES
219. Summit Capital Services
220. Sunshine of Warren-Trumbull Area, Inc.
221. Talbert House
222. Testa Companies
223. THE ABCD, INC
224. The Arc of Greater Cleveland
225. The Community Builders
226. The Great Lakes Companies
227. The Law Office of Rachel K. Robinson, LLC
228. The Millennia Companies
229. The Provident Companies
230. The TheoPRO Group
231. The UpTown Association, Inc.
232. Thriving Communities Institute
233. Tidwell Group, LLC
234. Toledo LISC
235. Union Miles Development Corporation
236. Urban Mission
237. Vogt Strategic Insights
238. Wallick Communities
239. Wayne Metropolitan Housing Authority
240. Western Reserve Community Development Corporation
241. Western Reserve Land Conservancy
242. William E. Lehner, AIA, Inc.
243. Working In Neighborhoods
244. WSOS Community Action Commission
245. Yellow Springs Home, Inc.
246. YMCA of Central Ohio
247. Youngstown City Health District
248. Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation
249. YWCA Canton
250. YWCA Columbus
251. YWCA Elyria
252. YWCA Warren