



Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding

Working to ensure maximum federal resources for housing and community development.

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The Honorable John Boehner, Eric Cantor, Kevin McCarthy, Harold Rogers and Spencer Bachus
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Steny Hoyer, James Clyburn, Norman Dicks and Barney Frank
The Honorable Harry Reid, Richard Durbin, Daniel Inouye and Timothy Johnson
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Jon Kyl, Thad Cochran and Richard Shelby

Dear Members of the Leadership of the House of Representatives and Senate:

Last week, the House of Representatives announced a proposal to cut transportation, housing, and urban development (T-HUD) funding by 17% in FY11. The proposal would harm the most vulnerable households at a time when they can least afford it. It is simply unacceptable. The undersigned members of the Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding (CHCDF), a group of 70 national organizations representing all 50 states and territories, call on you to reject this proposed cut.

Severely cutting T-HUD funding by 17 percent will not help our fragile economy, and the people most impacted by its downturn, move toward growth and self-sufficiency. The House FY11 proposal would impose the highest percentage and largest dollar amount cuts to T-HUD programs despite these programs promoting job creation and stabilizing communities. These harmful cuts would cause millions of people served by HUD programs in particular to lose their housing or decrease their overall economic stability. Cities and towns would be limited in their ability to generate jobs and economic activity. The cuts would undermine the very economic recovery that the country so desperately needs.

We ask instead that you protect the most vulnerable, a bipartisan promise reflected most recently in both the Republican Leadership's "Pledge to America" and the public policy position of the House minority. Please help shield the most vulnerable households and neighborhoods from bearing the impact of deepest cuts to FY11 appropriations during the most difficult economic period these households have suffered through in more than 50 years. Members of CHCDF stand ready to work with you to find responsible ways to continue to address our nation's housing and community development needs.

Sincerely,

Community Action Partnership
Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
Corporation for Supportive Housing
Council of Large Public Housing Authorities
Council of State Community and Economic Development Agencies
Enterprise Community Partners
Housing Assistance Council
Housing Partnership Network
Jesuit Conference
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
LeadingAge (formerly AAHSA)
Local Initiatives Support Coalition

Lutheran Services in America
National AIDS Housing Coalition
National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials
National Coalition for the Homeless
National Community Development Association
National Council of State Housing Agencies
National Housing Conference
National Housing Trust
National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty
National Leased Housing Association
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National Network for Youth
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
Public Housing Authorities Directors Association
Rebuilding Together
Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future