

October 27, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the undersigned national organizations, which are affordable housing lenders and investors or organizations representing them, we are writing in response to reports of dramatic cuts being proposed for the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) program. CoC is a critical program that primarily supports the operating costs of supportive housing serving formerly homeless people with disabilities. **We ask that you include a no cost provision in any forthcoming continuing resolution or future spending bill requiring HUD to renew all existing Continuum of Care grants expiring during calendar year 2026 for a 12-month period.**

As investors and lenders, we rely on stability and funding certainty to make critical business and investment decisions. Continued federal funding for HUD's CoC program is essential to our work. Congress has historically renewed all project-based rental assistance programs, and failing to do so, will threaten the viability of existing supportive housing and create a dangerous precedent for other HUD assisted properties. **Failing to renew CoC grants will impact a significant portion of our portfolios, and ultimately the residents in your communities.**

The current budget uncertainty makes it difficult for our organizations to evaluate risks. Moreover, new restrictions on federal housing funds – especially those that have already been allocated and committed – jeopardize current and future investments, strain affordable housing pipelines, increase the risk of homelessness, threaten local economies, and destabilize communities.

Congress recently passed a historic expansion of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), our nation's most important resource for affordable rental housing, including supportive housing. For supportive housing properties, these Housing Credits are often paired with HUD rental assistance programs such as the CoC. HUD must continue to provide funding to ensure communities can utilize Housing Credits to support existing housing and build desperately needed new affordable housing.

Now, more than ever, we need Congress to ensure federal homelessness funding provides operating assistance and supportive services for deeply affordable developments. **We ask for your support in renewing all existing CoC grants expiring during calendar year 2026 for a 12-month period in any continuing resolution or spending bill.**

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and your leadership in addressing homelessness.

Sincerely,

Corporation for Supportive Housing
Council of State Community Development Agencies
Enterprise Community Partners
Housing Advisory Group
Housing Assistance Council
Housing Partnership Network
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders
National Association of State and Local Equity Funds
National Council of State Housing Agencies
National Housing and Rehabilitation Association
National NeighborWorks Association

cc:

Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and
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