



April 11, 2018

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Thank You and Request to Sign Support Letters to Fund FY 2019 HUD Programs by April 13th

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the California Housing Partnership, thank you for your leadership in obtaining a 10% increase for HUD programs in FY 2018 and expanding the 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program by 12.5% for the next four years. While FY 2018 omnibus takes an important step in addressing the nationwide shortage of affordable rental housing, as our [latest report on the state of need in California](#) shows, there is much more to be done.

Specifically, we also ask you to express your support for the following FY 2019 funding levels for these important HUD programs:

- \$22.8 billion for **Housing Choice Vouchers** and \$2.8 billion for **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants** by signing-on to the [Senate letter](#) which your staff can do by contacting [Meredith Booker](#)
- \$5 billion for the **Public Housing Capital Account** and to fully-fund the **Public Housing Operating Account** by signing-on to the [Senate letter](#) which your staff can do by contacting [Rebecca Schatz](#)
- \$12.2 billion to renew existing **Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)** contracts for the calendar year by signing-on to the [Senate letter](#) which your staff can do by contacting [Meredith Booker](#) or [Rebecca Schatz](#)
- \$619 million for renewal funding and \$210 million for capital advance and project-based rental assistance awards for the **Section 202 Housing for the Elderly program**, and \$313 million for the **Section 811 Housing for Persons with Disabilities program** by signing-on to the [Senate letter](#) which your staff can do by contacting [Rebecca Schatz](#)
- \$200 million funding to the **Choice Neighborhoods Initiative** by signing-on to the [Senate letter](#) which your staff can do by contacting [Rebecca Schatz](#)

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- \$65 million funding to **Housing Counseling** by signing-on to the [Senate letter](#) which your staff can do by contacting [Rebecca Schatz](#)
- \$15 million funding for **Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)** and \$5 million funding for the **Rural Capacity Building program** by signing-on to the [Senate letter](#) which your staff can do by contacting [Meredith Booker](#)

Thank you for your leadership and support for maintaining and expanding affordable housing opportunities for lower income Californians.

Sincerely,



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