

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Cindy-Hyde Smith  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and  
Urban Development & Related Agencies  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steve Womack  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and  
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House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kristen Gillibrand  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and  
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Senate Appropriations Committee  
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The Honorable Jim Clyburn  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and  
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House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Hyde-Smith, Ranking Member Gillibrand, Chair Womack, and Ranking Member Clyburn:

As you develop the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you include funding to ensure that the nearly 60,000 households who are currently being served by the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program do not fall into homelessness.

During the pandemic, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in mandatory funding for the EHV program to help people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness, including survivors of domestic violence and victims of human trafficking, access safe, stable and affordable housing during a moment of crisis.

Since 2021, the success of the EHV program and its design, which includes critical administrative flexibilities that are responsive to a tumultuous housing market, cannot be overstated. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reported that EHV's are leasing at a rate faster than any previous housing voucher program within HUD and drove unprecedented collaboration among public housing agencies (PHAs), homeless services organizations, and victim services organizations to provide rapid and effective housing assistance to vulnerable populations. PHAs in every state have benefited from the improved voucher issuance and utilization that the EHV program provides, as have the people and communities they serve. Congress must provide sufficient and robust funding to ensure that the families who rely on EHV's don't lose their housing.

We understand that the Subcommittee must make difficult decisions. However, the EHV program provides rental assistance to help end and prevent homelessness. At a time when housing costs and homelessness continue to rise, we respectfully request that you provide adequate funding in the FY26 THUD Appropriations bill to renew all EHV's to ensure that those who have been served by the program do not lose their housing support and to ensure landlords continue receiving the rental payments they depend on to maintain their properties. Thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued support for the most vulnerable Americans.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



Elizabeth Warren  
Ranking Member  
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and Urban Affairs



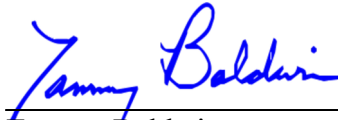
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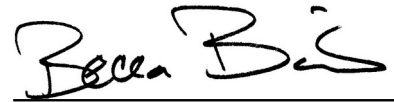
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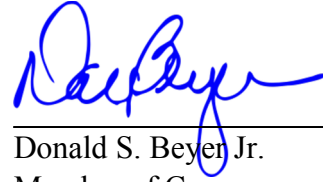
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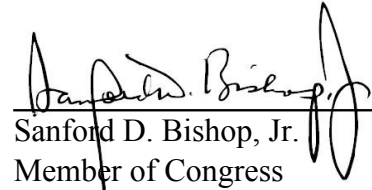
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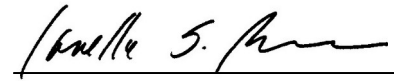
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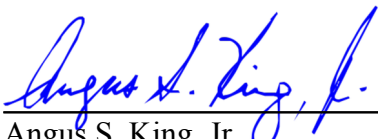
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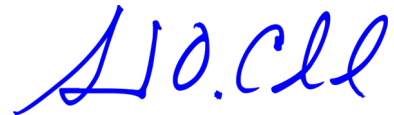
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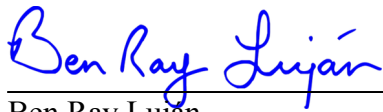
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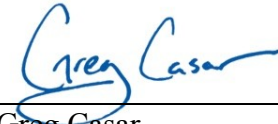
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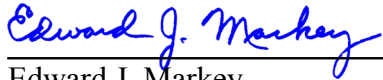
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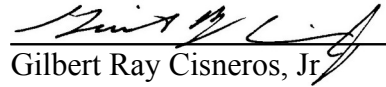
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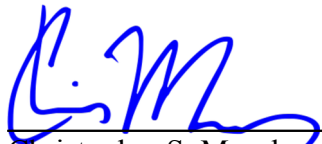
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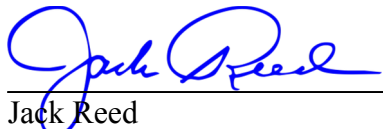
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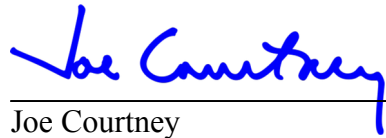
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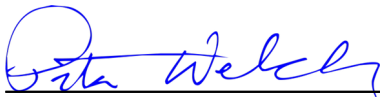
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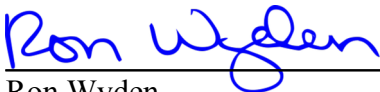
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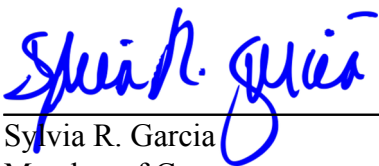
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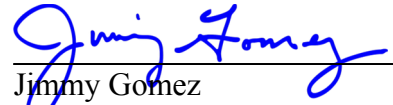
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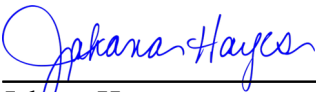
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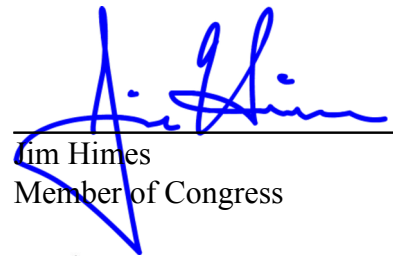
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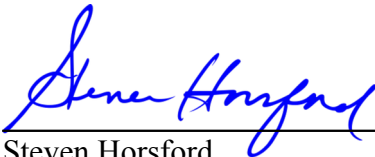
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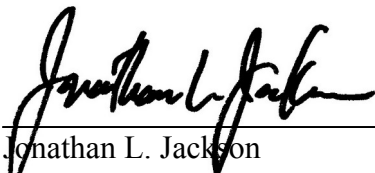
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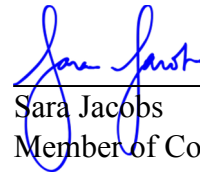
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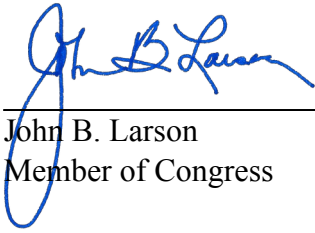
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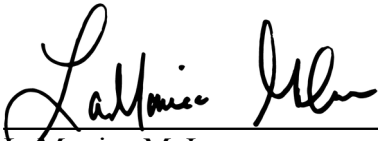
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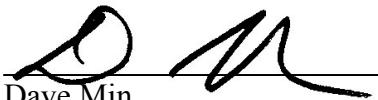
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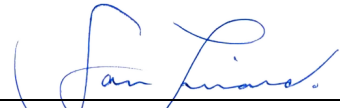
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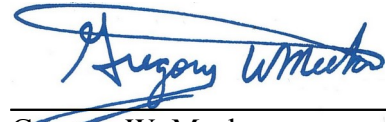
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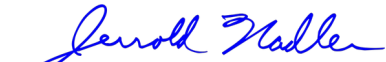
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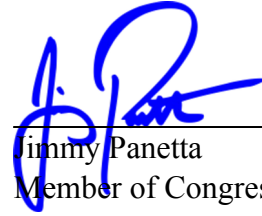


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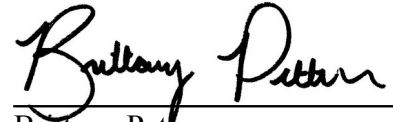
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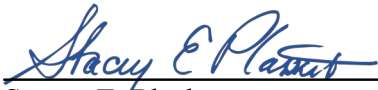
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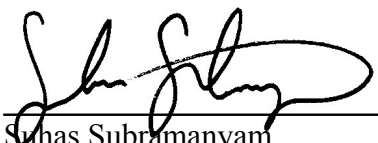
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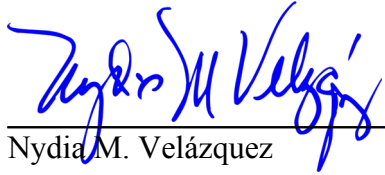
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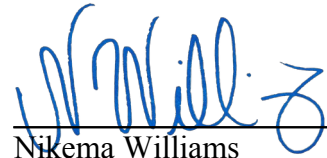
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