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TALKING POINTS WHEN CONTACTING CONGRESS **Prevent Devastating Cuts to Housing and Community Development Programs and Support PHAs**

- I am calling to express my concerns with the President's proposed FY 2026 budget.
- As the housing affordability crisis continues to put the American Dream out of reach for many, **now is the time to support affordable housing programs, the people served by them, and the landlords that participate in them.**
- Devasting cuts to Public Housing, Section 8, and Community Development programs like CDBG and HOME will hurt families and local economies.
- **The Administration's proposal to block grant federal rental assistance programs would remove the direct connection between families, program administrators, and landlords, and possibly cause delays and decreases in aid.**
- Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) provide a local lifeline to families through the responsible management of the Section 8 and Public Housing programs.
- PHAs can directly provide rental assistance to families across the country. This allows low- to middle-income families to be able to afford to live where they work and builds connections with residents and landlords.
- PHAs are first and foremost accountable to the community they serve. They are experienced with both federal affordable housing programs and community needs and can work with local and federal partners to create effective solutions.
- PHAs are capable stewards of the taxpayer dollars and resources that help house our most children, seniors and other vulnerable community members.
- Community Development organizations rely on programs like the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to increase housing stock and improve neighborhoods.
- Standing with PHAs, housers, and community development organizations is more important than ever.
- Thank you.

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