**Subject**: Please Support Affordable Housing and Community Development in the next COVID-19 relief bill

**Body:**

Senator [insert Senator’s name];

I am writing from *[insert name of organization and connection to state. i.e. “The Housing Partnership network which is a business collaborative of high performing non-profits based in Boston, Massachusetts]. Then add a few sentences about the types of challenges you’re seeing because of COVID-19 such as: “Housing providers, like us, are faced with increased operating costs for cleaning and services for residents, construction delays and housing development financing gaps.” OR “Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) like us are seeing increased demand for liquidity and flexibility for borrowers because of the economic uncertainty.”*

To combat these challenges and ensure this public health crisis does not worsen the affordable housing crisis, please support the following solutions in the next COVID-19 relief bill:

* [$48 billion for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)](https://housingpartnership.net/_img/HOME-COVID-19-Relief-Proposal.pdf)  to be used by states and localities to provide rental assistance for residents of non-assisted units, operational support for affordable housing developments, homeowner assistance, and to address a wide variety of multi-family and single-family housing expenses and needs.
* Fully establishing [a minimum 4 percent Housing Credit rate](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FL49En8qJT9BXJUS42BynU0xGSI9fTFQ/view).
* [$1 billion for the CDFI Fund](https://cdfi.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/CDFI-Sign-on-Letter-5-5-2020.pdf) to support CDFIs who are often the financial first responders in underserved communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information.