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Dear Senator [name],

Since President Reagan signed it into law in 1986, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit) has financed the construction and preservation of more than 3 million affordable homes nationwide, at a rate of nearly 100,000 per year. It produces virtually all new affordable rental housing and is our primary tool for preserving existing affordable rental housing.

Today, I ask that you join Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Todd Young (R-IN), Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA) as a co-sponsor of the [Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2019](https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1703/) (S. 1703), bipartisan legislation that would expand and strengthen the Housing Credit.

As the primary tool for developing and preserving affordable housing, the Housing Credit is critical for both industry and community. Across the country, the Housing Credit has been responsible for financing 3.2 million affordable homes and supporting 3.6 million jobs. For state and district information about the positive impacts of the Housing Credit, please visit our campaign’s [website](http://rentalhousingaction.org/state-district).

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Nationwide, the bill is estimated to incentivize the building of over 450,000 affordable homes over the next decade, and generate $48.5 billion in wages and business income, $19.1 billion in additional tax revenue, and 510,000 jobs.

**With nearly 11 million renter households severely cost-burdened, there is now more reason than ever to enact the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act.** The AHCIA would enact numerous provisions to strengthen the Housing Credit, including providing states with additional flexibility, making the financing of affordable housing more predictable and streamlined, increasing the Housing Credit’s ability to reach extremely low-income tenants, and facilitating Housing Credit development in challenging markets like rural and Native American communities.

Please join the effort to strengthen and expand the Housing Credit by co-sponsoring this bipartisan legislation. The [bill text](https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1703/text) and a [summary of the legislation](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/566ee654bfe8736211c559eb/t/5d002787147dfd0001cf766f/1560291208476/AHCIA+comprehensive+summary+-+June+2019.pdf) are available for your review.

To co-sponsor the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act or for more information, contact Lara Muldoon with the Office of Senator Maria Cantwell at [Lara\_Muldoon@cantwell.senate.gov](mailto:Lara_Muldoon@cantwell.senate.gov), or Dan Cheever with the Office of Senator Todd Young at [Dan\_Cheever@young.senate.gov](mailto:Dan_Cheever@young.senate.gov).

Thank you for your support of S. 1703. Sincerely,

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