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Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [Senator / Representative / Elected Official],

As your constituent from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [property location], I want to thank Congress for investing in affordable housing programs during fiscal year 2018. **Access to safe, decent, affordable housing is so much more than a roof over my head: It also allows myself, my family, and my community to receive services, focus on improving our lives, and take part in the economic opportunity of our country.**

Unfortunately, there is a dire shortage of affordable housing in our area. **In fact, in no state in the entire country is a decent, 2-bedroom apartment affordable at minimum wage.** Whether urban or rural, these cost-burdens make the overall economy less competitive and drain money away from those of us who need it the most.

**With housing costs rising faster than wages, I am concerned about proposals to cut federal investments in affordable housing and community development programs.** I ask that you support full funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (USDA-RD) affordable housing programs for the next fiscal year.

**As your constituent, I also urge you to support improvements to the Housing Credit, which is the primary tool for encouraging investment in new affordable housing across the country.** Every single state has benefitted for this tax credit program (the “LIHTC”), and without it, both communities and industry would suffer. Please support S. 548 / H.R. 1661, the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act.

Affordable housing is good for the well-being of hard-working families while creating jobs that benefit local communities and the larger economy. **Please consider supporting full funding for affordable housing and community development programs and voting to strengthen the Housing Credit.**

More information about affordable housing challenges and solutions is available at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [AHMA website] or nahma.org.

Sincerely,

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