

ENDORSED LEGISLATION IN THE 118TH CONGRESS



NLIHC and our members, partners, and allies will continue building Congressional support for legislation to advance the long-term, large-scale investments needed to end homelessness and housing poverty.

CRITICAL, LONG-TERM HOUSING SOLUTIONS

Ending Homelessness Act of 2023 (H.R.4232) – Rep. Waters (D-CA). The bill would ensure rental assistance is universally available to all eligible households. The bill also prohibits source of income discrimination to help increase housing choice and invests \$5 billion over 5 years in the national Housing Trust Fund to address the shortage of affordable housing and to combat homelessness. For more information, see Rep. Waters’ [factsheet](#) on the Ending Homelessness Act.

Housing Crisis Response Act of 2023 (H.R.4233) – Rep. Waters (D-CA). This bill proposes \$150 billion in critical investments to help renters with the lowest incomes afford the cost of rent. Investments include NLIHC’s top priorities: \$25 billion to expand rental assistance, \$65 billion to repair and preserve public housing, and \$15 billion to build rental homes for those with the greatest needs through the national Housing Trust Fund. If enacted, this legislation would amount to the single largest investment in affordable housing in our nation’s history, creating nearly 1.4 million affordable and accessible homes, and helping nearly 300,000 households afford their rent. For more information, see Rep. Waters’ [factsheet](#) on the bill.

BIPARTISAN LEGISLATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Eviction Crisis Act, Stable Families Act (S.2182/[H.R.8327](#) in the 117th Congress), – Sens. Bennet (D-CO) and Young (R-IN) and Rep. Torres (D-NY). This bill creates a permanent program to provide emergency rental assistance (ERA) and housing stability services to renters facing temporary financial setbacks that put them at risk of housing instability, eviction, and homelessness. The bill builds on the success of the pandemic-era ERA programs that helped reduce eviction filings and keep households stably housed. The bill is supported by the Opportunity Starts at Home campaign. To learn more, see OSAH’s [factsheet](#) on the Eviction Crisis Act.

Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act (S.1257, H.R.3776) – Sens. Van Hollen (D-MD) and Young (R-IN) and Reps. Neguse (D-CO) and Fitzpatrick (R-PA). This bipartisan bill provides 250,000 new housing vouchers and mobility counseling services to families with young children, helping them move to safe, affordable housing in communities of their choice, including areas connected to well-performing schools, well-paying jobs, healthcare services, and transit. The bill is also supported by the Opportunity Starts at Home campaign. To learn more, see the [factsheet](#) on the Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act.

[Choice in Affordable Housing Act](#) (S.32, H.R.4606) – Sens. Coons (D-DE) and Cramer (R-ND) and Reps. Cleaver (D-MO) and Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR). The bill expands access to affordable housing options by removing barriers to landlord participation in HUD’s Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.

[Yes In My Back Yard \(YIMBY\) Act](#) (S.1688, H.R.3507) – Sens. Young (R-IN) and Schatz (D-HI) and Rep. Kilmer (D-WA). The bill would require HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grantees to report on actions taken to address zoning and land use barriers.

[Reforming Disaster Recovery Act](#) (S.1686, H.R.5940) – Sens. Schatz (D-HI) and Collins (R-ME), and Rep. Green (D-TX). The bill would permanently authorize the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBGDR) program and provide important safeguards and tools to help ensure that federal disaster recovery efforts reach the lowest-income and most marginalized disaster survivors.

[Fair Housing Improvement Act](#) (S.1267, H.R.2846) – Senator Kaine (D-VA) and Reps. Peters (D-CA), Schiff (D-CA), Evans (D-PA), Bonamici (D-OR), and Norton (D-DC). The bill protects veterans and low-income families from housing discrimination by expanding the Fair Housing Act to prohibit housing discrimination based on source of income and military or veteran status. To learn more, see NLIHC’s [factsheet](#) on the bill. Past versions of the bill were led by former Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT).

[Rural Housing Service Reform Act](#) (S.1389) – Sens. Smith (D-MN) and Rounds (R-SD). The bill would improve USDA rural housing programs and help preserve affordability in rural communities. The bill preserves access to rental assistance, permanently authorizes preservation tools, and improves staff training and capacity, among many other reforms.

[Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act](#) (S.1557, H.R.3238) – Sens. Cantwell (D-WA), Young (R-IN) and Reps. LaHood (R-IL) and DelBene (D-WA). This bill expands and reforms the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC). NLIHC supports key reforms to better serve households with the greatest needs and those in rural and Tribal communities. For more information, see NLIHC’s [factsheet](#) on critical reforms to LIHTC.

[Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act](#) (S.2285) – Sen. Schatz (D-HI) and Murkowski (R-AK). The bill reauthorizes key tribal housing programs for seven years and include reforms to expand local control of the programming, streamline environmental reviews for tribal housing projects, and incentivize private partnerships.