

Attention NAHMA Member,

NAHMA is requesting your participation in an important grassroots advocacy effort led by our colleagues at the National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC). We are requesting that your AHMA or company sign on to the following letter which requests the highest possible funding allocations for the Senate and House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) Appropriations Subcommittees. More information on this request and these subcommittees is included below. Please note that the deadline for signatures is Friday, March 13, 2015.

If you have any questions about this effort, please reply to this message. Thank you in advance for your participation.

## TAKE ACTION: DEADLINE TO SIGN LETTER PROTECTING HOUSING FUNDING - MARCH 13

### Help Ensure THUD Appropriations Subcommittees Have Highest Possible Funding for Housing Programs in FY16

The House and Senate Committees on Appropriations will soon decide how much funding each appropriations subcommittee will receive in FY16. This funding allocation for subcommittees, called the 302(b), will determine how much funding is available for HUD programs in FY16.

**It is critical that the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) Subcommittees in the House and Senate receive 302(b) allocations that are at the highest possible levels.** Adequate 302(b) allocations will help ensure that the THUD Subcommittees have the resources they need to fully fund all housing programs.

Please join the more than 1,700 organizations that have already joined this letter.

#### WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

The THUD allocation provides essential capital and program funding that enables public and private partners to help more than five million seniors, people with disabilities, and other families afford stable and safe housing, promote lasting community and family economic success, build critical transportation infrastructure, and spur economic development in communities. Through these investments, Congress, reduces homelessness and housing instability, supports small-business job creation, expands our nation's infrastructure capacity, and encourages economic recovery and growth.

Housing agencies are routinely overwhelmed by applications for rental assistance and years-long wait-lists for assistance are dishearteningly normal. The cuts have also caused the loss of 70,000 rental assistance opportunities for low income families since 2013. HUD community development funding has been reduced by nearly 30% since FY 10.

House and Senate appropriators need to hear from you! Join housing, community development, and transportation advocates around the country by signing a letter urging the highest possible 302(b) allocations.

Please [click here](#) to sign your organization on to the letter.

To view the letter to the House and Senate Chairs and Ranking Members of the Appropriations Committees, visit [http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/302b\\_THUD\\_final\\_sign\\_on\\_letter.pdf](http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/302b_THUD_final_sign_on_letter.pdf).

Please share the letter and encourage organizations in your network to sign.

## **The deadline to sign the letter is March 13.**

### **HOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION**

**Congress needs to hear from you!** Join advocates by signing a letter urging lawmakers to end sequestration.

- **View and Sign, your organization on to the letter [here](#) !**
- **Share the letter and encourage organizations in your network to sign.**

**Sign your organization on to the letter by March 13 .**

Questions or comments, please email [outreach@nlihc.org](mailto:outreach@nlihc.org)

# **Thank you for your support.**