



THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

The Honorable French Hill
Chair
House Financial Services Committee
2129 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Maxine Waters
Ranking Member
House Financial Services Committee
2129 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Mike Flood
Chair
Subcommittee on Housing and
Insurance
2129 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver II
Ranking Member
House Financial Services Committee
2129 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Hill, Ranking Member Waters, Chairman Flood, and Ranking Member Cleaver,

On behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors, we write to express our appreciation for your leadership in the development and introduction of the Housing for the 21st Century Act. This critical piece of legislation focuses on a central priority of our organization - addressing the national housing crisis.

Mayors from across the country have spent the last year advocating for Congressional leaders to join them in taking action to drastically increase our nation's housing supply while creating greater pathways to affordable housing. We are pleased to see the House Financial Services Committee engaged in significant, bipartisan action on this issue which has come to impact every corner of our country, every political persuasion, and every rung of the socioeconomic ladder.

The provisions within the legislation are both pragmatic and impactful ranging from critical regulatory reforms to the reauthorization of HOME to expanding new affordable housing construction as eligible use of Community Development Block Grants funds. This bill lays the groundwork to address the nation's urgent need to boost housing supply by increasing efficiencies and removing barriers to the development of more housing.

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We support the Housing for the 21st Century Act because we believe housing is critical to the success of our nation — a foundation for opportunity, dignity and stability. Every family in every community deserves a safe, affordable place to call home.

America's mayors thank you for your efforts and are eager to work with you to ensure the bill is successful in addressing the housing needs of cities.

Sincerely,

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David Holt
Mayor of Oklahoma City, OK
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Ginther". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Andrew Ginther
Mayor of Columbus, OH
Past-President
Chair of USCM Housing Task Force

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Cochran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Tom Cochran
CEO and Executive Director