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# A home is the *foundation.*

May 14, 2010

Dear Member of Congress,

We, the undersigned organizations, urge Congress to act soon to provide the initial funding for the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF). **We are requesting \$1.065 billion be provided immediately to the NHTF: \$1 billion to capitalize the NHTF and \$65 million for project-based vouchers to couple with NHTF capital grants.**

The NHTF was created in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) to address the severe shortage of rental homes that are affordable for the lowest income families, but it has not yet been funded. The President proposed funding for the NHTF in his FY10 and FY11 budget requests.

In the United States today, there are only 37 rental homes available and affordable for every 100 households with incomes below 30% of their area median. A scarcity of housing that the poorest families can afford is the principle cause of homelessness in the United States.

Investment in the NHTF will create good jobs. Every \$1 billion provided to the Trust Fund will support the immediate construction of 10,000 rental homes, creating 15,100 new construction jobs and 3,800 new jobs in ongoing operations.

We urge Congress to provide this badly needed funding at the soonest possible opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Please see the following page for the organizational signatories from your state*

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ME signatories

Associated General Contractors - Maine	Augusta	ME	ME01
Avesta Housing	Westbrook	ME	ME01
Biddeford Housing Authority	Biddeford	ME	ME01
Brunswick Housing Authority	Brunswick	ME	ME01
City of Biddeford Health & Welfare	Biddeford	ME	ME01
Coastal Enterprises, Inc.	Wiscasset	ME	ME01
Community Housing of Maine	Portland	ME	ME01
Counseling Services, Inc.	Saco	ME	ME01
Crede Associates, LLC	Portland	ME	ME01
Developers Collaborative	Portland	ME	ME01
Drummond Woodsum	Portland	ME	ME01
EBW Associates	Edgecomb	ME	ME01
Esther Residence	Saco	ME	ME01
Fair Tide	Kittery	ME	ME01
Frannie Peabody Center	Portland	ME	ME01
Freeport Housing Trust	Freeport	ME	ME01
Ganneston Construction Corporation	Augusta	ME	ME01
Genesis Community Loan Fund	Damariscotta	ME	ME01
GTA (Gawron Turgeon Architects)	Scarborough	ME	ME01
Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers Maine	Bath	ME	ME01
Homeless Voices for Justice	Portland	ME	ME01
Island Institute	Rockland	ME	ME01
MacDonald Associates, Inc.	Bath	ME	ME01
Maine Affordable Housing Coalition	Portland	ME	ME01
Maine Center for Economic Policy	Augusta	ME	ME01
Maine Children's Alliance	Augusta	ME	ME01
Maine Community Action Association	Augusta	ME	ME01
Maine Equal Justice Partners	Augusta	ME	ME01
Maine People's Resource Center	Portland	ME	ME01
Maine Real Estate Managers Association	Portland	ME	ME01
MaineHousing	Augusta	ME	ME01
NCS, Inc. (Northeast Civil Solutions, Inc.)	Scarborough	ME	ME01
Otis Atwell	South Portland	ME	ME01
Planning Decisions, Inc.	Hallowell	ME	ME01
Portland Housing Authority	Portland	ME	ME01
Portland Organizing to Win Economic Rights	Portland	ME	ME01
Preble Street	Portland	ME	ME01
Realty Resources Management	Rockport	ME	ME01
Rumford Group Homes	Rumford	ME	ME01
Sanford Housing Authority	Sanford	ME	ME01
Shalom House, Inc.	Portland	ME	ME01
South Portland Housing Authority	South Portland	ME	ME01
The IRC Group	Camden	ME	ME01
The Maine Way	Biddeford	ME	ME01
United Way of Greater Portland	Portland	ME	ME01
United Way of York County	Kennebunk	ME	ME01
Waterman Development	Yarmouth	ME	ME01
Waterville Housing Authority	Waterville	ME	ME01
Westbrook Housing	Westbrook	ME	ME01

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York County Shelter Programs, Inc.	Alfred	ME	ME01
York Housing	York	ME	ME01
Youth Alternatives Ingraham	South Portland	ME	ME01
Auburn Housing Authority	Auburn	ME	ME02
Bangor Area Homeless Shelter	Bangor	ME	ME02
City of Auburn	Auburn	ME	ME02
Community Concepts, Inc.	South Paris	ME	ME02
Islesboro Affordable Property	Islesboro	ME	ME02
Lewiston Housing Authority	Lewiston	ME	ME02
Maine People's Alliance	Lewiston	ME	ME02
MDI & Ellsworth Housing Authorities	Bar Harbor	ME	ME02
Old Town Housing Authority	Old Town	ME	ME02
Penquis Housing, Inc.	Bangor	ME	ME02
The Housing Foundation	Orono	ME	ME02
Total Construction Management	Winterport	ME	ME02
Van Buren Housing Authority	Van Buren	ME	ME02
Visible Community	Lewiston	ME	ME02