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THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT’S IMPACT IN THE UNITED STATES

THE HOUSING CREDIT’S BENEFITS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES & THE ECONOMY
1986 – 2017

- **3.2 million** homes developed or preserved
- **7.4 million** low-income households served
- **3.6 million** jobs supported for one year
- **$135 billion** tax revenue generated
- **$344 billion** wages & business income generated

THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Though the Housing Credit has had a tremendous impact across the country, much more affordable housing is still needed to meet the growing demand.

- **10.8 million** renter households nationwide pay more than half of their monthly income on rent, leaving too little for other expenses like health care, transportation and nutritious food

  In order to afford a one-bedroom apartment at the national average fair market rent, a minimum wage worker has to work **99 hours per week**

ADDRESSING OUR NATION’S SEVERE SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- **384,455** additional affordable homes could be built across U.S. states and territories over the next ten years through a 50 percent increase in Housing Credit allocation authority

The Housing Credit is a proven solution to help address the affordable housing crisis.

The Housing Credit is our nation’s most successful tool for encouraging private investment in affordable rental housing. It has financed over 3 million apartments nationwide since 1986, providing about 7.4 million low-income families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities homes they can afford.

Without the Housing Credit, it would be financially infeasible for the private sector to build affordable homes for the families that need them most.

The ACTION Campaign calls on Congress to:

- **Expand** the Housing Credit to make a meaningful dent in our nation’s severe shortage of affordable housing.
- **Strengthen** the Housing Credit by making it more streamlined and flexible.
- **Enhance** multifamily Housing Bonds, which provide critical financing to about 50 percent of Housing Credit developments.

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