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THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT’S IMPACT IN MASSACHUSETTS’S 8th DISTRICT

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

- 5,164 homes developed or preserved in MA-08
- 5,835 jobs supported for one year
- $219 million tax revenue generated
- $556 million wages & business income generated

THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
The Housing Credit, combined with other key resources, has had a tremendous impact in Massachusetts. However, much more affordable housing is still needed to meet the growing demand.

- 259,918 renter households in Massachusetts 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 modest one-bedroom apartment, a minimum wage worker in Massachusetts has to work 91 hours per week.

ADDRESSING OUR NATION’S SEVERE SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- 6,385 additional affordable homes could be built in Massachusetts 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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