# The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit’s Impact in Tennessee’s 9th District

## The Housing Credit’s Benefits for Low-Income Families & The Economy

**1986 – 2017**

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<th>Benefit</th>
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<td>Homes developed or preserved</td>
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<td>Tax revenue generated</td>
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<td>Wages &amp; business income generated</td>
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## The Need for Affordable Housing

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

- **189,297** renter households in Tennessee 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 Tennessee has to work **75 hours per week.**

## Addressing Our Nation’s Severe Shortage of Affordable Housing

16,600 additional affordable homes could be built in Tennessee over the next ten years through a 50 percent increase in Housing Credit allocation authority.

The ACTION Campaign 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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