The ACTION Campaign represents over 2,300 organizations and businesses working to address our nation’s severe shortage of affordable rental housing by supporting the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.

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**4% HOUSING CREDITS’ BENEFITS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES & THE ECONOMY 1986 – 2018**

- **41,385** affordable homes in VA have been financed using the 4% Housing Credit
- **99,636** low-income households served
- **57,541** jobs supported for one year
- **$2.22 billion** tax revenue generated
- **$6.46 billion** wages & business income generated

**THE 4% HOUSING CREDIT AND HOUSING BONDS**

There are two components of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit) program – the “9 percent Housing Credit” and the “4 percent Housing Credit.” The 4 percent Housing Credit is generally accessed with the use of Multifamily Housing Bonds (Housing Bonds), a type of tax-exempt private activity bond used by state and local housing finance agencies to acquire, construct, and rehabilitate affordable multifamily housing for low-income renters.

To access the full amount of the 4 percent Housing Credit equity, which is needed for financial feasibility, Housing Bonds must cover at least 50 percent of certain development costs.

**ADDRESSING OUR NATION’S SEVERE SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Setting a minimum 4 percent Housing Credit rate would provide for

- **1,694** additional affordable homes to be built in Virginia during 2020-2029

**Congress Should Enact a Minimum 4% Housing Credit Rate**

The Housing Credit is our nation’s most successful tool for encouraging private investment in affordable rental housing. Today, the 4 percent Housing Credit finances about half of the annual affordable rental housing produced or preserved with the Housing Credit program.

However, the 4 percent Housing Credit is much lower than Congress originally intended because the 4 percent Housing Credit rate fluctuates monthly based on a formula tied to federal borrowing rates, which are now effectively at 0 percent. Enacting a minimum 4 percent Housing Credit rate would provide parity to the 9 percent Housing Credit rate, for which Congress enacted a minimum rate as part of the response to the 2008 economic collapse.

The ACTION Campaign calls on Congress to:

- Enact a minimum 4 percent Housing Credit rate.
- Enhance multifamily Housing Bonds, which provide critical financing to about 50 percent of Housing Credit-financed homes.

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