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

The Housing Credit is a proven solution to help address the affordable housing crisis. The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit) is our nation’s most successful tool for encouraging private investment in affordable rental housing. It has financed 3.3 million homes nationwide since 1986, providing roughly 8 million low-income households with 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.

**THE HOUSING CREDIT’S BENEFITS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES & THE ECONOMY**

1986 – 2018

- **59,256** homes developed or preserved in MA
- **142,661** low-income households served
- **85,440** jobs supported for one year
- **$3.3 billion** tax revenue generated
- **$9.6 billion** 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.

- **252,689** 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

- **90 hours per week**

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

- **6,385** additional affordable homes could be built in Massachusetts by expanding the Housing Credit allocation authority as proposed in the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act.

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