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

- **1986 – 2018**
  - 4,769 homes developed or preserved in NM-02
  - 7,885 jobs supported for one year
  - $310 million tax revenue generated
  - $894 million wages & business income generated

**The Need for Affordable Housing**

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

- **64,502 renter households** in New Mexico 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 New Mexico has to work **59 hours per week**.

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

- **2,522 additional affordable homes** could be built in New Mexico by expanding the Housing Credit allocation authority as proposed in the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act.

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.

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