

December 4, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries,

The undersigned national associations represent for-profit and non-profit owners, operators, developers, lenders, property managers, housing agencies, housing cooperatives and advocacy organizations involved in the provision and promotion of housing, both affordable and conventional. **We are writing to urge Members of the House of Representatives to pass the bipartisan Yes in My Backyard (YIMBY) Act (H.R. 3507), sponsored by Congressmen Mike Flood (R-NE) and Derek Kilmer (D-WA), during House consideration this week.**

America is facing a housing affordability crisis. While challenges are different from city to city and state to state, housing affordability is a national problem. For decades, America has witnessed the escalating challenge created by demographic shifts, lack of development, and economic changes culminating in the inability of families to rent, buy, or maintain stable, affordable, and safe homes. Underproduction of housing is also a persistent and nationwide problem, leading to a supply and demand imbalance across the country.

The YIMBY Act would help to eliminate restrictive land use policies and remove barriers that depress production of housing in the United States. By requiring Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recipients to report periodically on the extent to which they are removing discriminatory land use policies, and promoting inclusive and affordable housing, the legislation will increase transparency and encourage more thoughtful and inclusive development practices.

Housing affordability is a national problem that demands the attention of federal policymakers. The YIMBY Act is an important step to help mitigate this crisis. Again, we urge the House of Representatives to pass H.R. 3507 following floor consideration this week.

Sincerely,

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Institute of Real Estate Management
Leading Builders of America
Manufactured Housing Institute
Mortgage Bankers Association
National Affordable Housing Management Association
National Apartment Association
National Association of Homebuilders
National Association of Housing Cooperatives
National Association of REALTORS
National Association of Residential Property Managers
National Leased Housing Association
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National Multifamily Housing Council
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cc: All Members, U.S. House of Representatives