

Make Sure Americans Have Access to Affordable Housing
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Dear Colleague:

Please join us in a letter urging the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) Appropriations Subcommittee to restore funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME) to at least \$1.6 billion in FY 2014, its FY 2011 funding level.

HOME funding is a vital resource for communities working to meet the needs of low-income families and individuals in need of supportive housing, including veterans, persons with disabilities, seniors and persons experiencing homelessness. Overseen by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD,) the program allows states and localities to respond to individuals' most pressing housing needs. HOME provides gap financing that is critical to the creation and provision of affordable housing for the families who need it the most.

HOME is currently funded at \$1 billion, a 38 percent decrease from its FY 2011 funding level and its lowest appropriation since FY 1993. Sequestration further reduced HOME's FY 2013 funding level to \$950 million. At a time when the Center for Housing Policy reports that nearly one in four working households spends more than half its income on housing costs, restoring HOME funding is necessary to address the growing need for affordable housing.

The housing industry has and will continue to play a major role in our economic recovery. HOME funding needs to be restored to improve our economy and ensure Americans have access to affordable housing. Please contact Kyle Williams, kyle.williams@mail.house.gov, 5-7032, in my office to sign on to the letter and support the HOME program.

Sincerely,

Marcia L. Fudge
Member of Congress

April 1, 2013

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HOME provides housing in rural, suburban, and urban communities. It is used for both rental and homeownership activity, including new construction, rehabilitation, down payment assistance and tenant-based rental assistance. Since 1990, HOME has helped to create more than one million housing units and provided tenant-based rental assistance to 250,000 families.

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