

Make Housing Affordable & Defend Democracy Act

This bill would rescind \$175 billion in unaccountable slush funds from President Trump's draconian immigration crackdown – funds jammed through the Republican reconciliation bill – and redirects them to tackle America's housing affordability crisis. The bill also repeals predatory fees for asylum seekers and migrants, restoring fairness in our immigration system.



Housing investments funded:

First Time-Homebuyer Credit: Down payment assistance that could exceed \$60,000 for first-time and first-generation homebuyers.

Renter Tax Credit: First-ever, monthly, refundable credit to offset rent costs for working and middle-class families who are spending more than 30% of their income on rent.

Starter Home Construction Credit: A 15% credit for homebuilders (30% if sold to first-time home buyers)

Affordable Housing Conversion Credit: 20-35% credit for converting commercial real estate like office space into housing with long-term affordability requirements.

Affordable Housing Credit Boost for ELI Households: Boosts the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit for projects that prioritize extremely low-income (ELI) renters.

Ending \$175 billion in wasteful spending, including:

\$52.5 Billion for an ineffective border wall and other border militarization.

\$45 Billion for inhumane detention of immigrants at facilities like "Alligator Alcatraz."

\$42 Billion for unaccountable abductions and abuses of power by DHS and ICE.

\$13.5 Billion in open-ended state grants for inhumane razor wire and traps at the border.

Bill Endorsed by: UnidosUS, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), CASA, A Way Home America (AWHA), Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA), Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights Los Angeles (CHIRLA).

Background: Last month, Congressman Jimmy Gomez (CA-34), Chair of the Congressional Renters Caucus, convened the first-ever National Summit Housing Affordability Crisis. The summit united lawmakers, advocates, labor, industry, and community leaders to announce a unified effort to address the crisis, and build a comprehensive national housing agenda.

The clear takeaway: America needs bold, national solutions to restore confidence in our system. The goal is simple: build homes, protect renters, and prevent homelessness.

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