

CALL TO ACTION**Top Concerns with GOP Tax Bill and Reauthorizing the National Flood Insurance Program**

Last week, the Senate passed their version of the Tax Reform Bill, which preserves both tax-exempt private activity Housing Bonds (PABs) and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC). **However, the legislative process still allows for the unfavorable components of the House version of the Tax Reform Bill to be included in the final measure.**

Also, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is set to expire this Friday, December 8. A reauthorization is included in the Continuing Resolution (CR) legislation that will keep the government open, which will be considered this week. However, it is expected to be a close vote.

Formal negotiations between both chambers of Congress are set to start next week. **Please call your representatives today to:**

- Inform them of the importance of the PABs and LIHTCs which help finance housing for low- to moderate-income families that otherwise would not get built
- Urge them to vote YES on the Continuing Resolution in order to keep the National Flood Insurance Program authorized
- Urge their support of the Continuing Resolution AND to complete a speedy, multi-year reauthorization of the NFIP that preserves affordability, increases opportunities for community and individual mitigation, improves the mapping process, and increases program participation

In the coming weeks, the course of our country's future will be determined through a series of votes from our legislative body. Every step of the process is a critical opportunity to inform both our delegation and the leaders of both the House and the Senate about the importance of affordable housing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Use these sample messages to reach out to your Member of Congress and to your Senators:

Dear Representative XX -

I am reaching out to you today to urge your support of the proposed Continuing Resolution in the House this week, which includes an extension of the National Flood Insurance Program through December 22. If this legislation does not pass, the NFIP will expire, which will stall home closings and delay the processing of claims. A lapse is unacceptable and avoidable. Please support the CR and ensure the NFIP is reauthorized without a lapse.

Additionally, please vote in favor of preserving LIHTC, and PABs (including housing bonds), in the final legislation—without these resources, the production and preservation of affordable housing will become stagnant in my community.

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Further, please work with the Senate Banking Committee to complete a multi-year reauthorization of the NFIP that preserves affordability, increases opportunities for community and individual mitigation, improves the mapping process, and increases program participation before the expected December 22 expiration. The Cassidy-Gillibrand and Kennedy-Menendez bills serve as a strong foundation to advance these priorities.

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Again, please work to ensure that the NFIP remains available and affordable through a short-term reauthorization this week via the CR, and through the passage of a multi-year reauthorization before December 22.

CALL NOW

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