



September 10, 2025

Senators Thune, Schumer, Wicker, and Reed:

On behalf of The Interreligious Working Group on Domestic Human Needs (DHN) and partners, we are reaching out to share our **support for inclusion of [Senate Amendment 3503](#) in a manager's package of amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act (S. 2296) or group of amendments for which roll call votes will be held.**

This proposed amendment, submitted by Senator Tim Scott, would advance the "ROAD to Housing Act of 2025" ([S. 2651](#)), which **helps military families, veterans, and other Americans access affordable housing**. It does so by expanding and preserving housing supply, reducing regulatory barriers, modernizing financing options, promoting economic mobility, and enhancing program oversight and coordination. S. 2651 passed [unanimously](#) out of the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee in July.

DHN is comprised of religious denominations and faith-based organizations working to reduce poverty and support those experiencing housing insecurity. While our theologies differ, we've all seen how having a safe place to call home transforms lives. We particularly appreciate the bill's provisions to support our nation's veterans who have disabilities in accessing HUD-VASH supportive housing, help veterans access VA's home loan programs to achieve the American Dream of home ownership, help service members sell their homes, streamline and improve assistance for our vulnerable neighbors experiencing homelessness, simplify rental assistance, preserve rural housing, and strengthen disaster assistance. **Such provisions reflect our shared value of service and calls to love our neighbors, meet basic human needs, alleviate suffering, and uphold human dignity.**

Passage of [SA 3503](#) along with the NDAA would help ensure many of our nation's pressing housing needs are addressed swiftly by commonsense bipartisan reforms. While further reforms and investments are needed to solve our nation's affordable housing crisis, this would be a leap forward. We should not hesitate to serve our nation's disabled veterans and others experiencing homelessness, enable long overdue zoning updates, and expedite community recovery from disasters. With the average age of first-time homebuyers at a record-high of 38, we should act now to increase access to home ownership for veterans, military families, and Americans.

Thank you for your service and consideration!

Faithfully,

Alliance of Baptists

Catholic Charities USA

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Franciscan Action Network

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Lutheran Services in America

National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

National Council of Churches USA

National Council of Jewish Women

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Union for Reform Judaism

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