



July 22, 2026

Dear Member of Congress,

On behalf of The Interreligious Working Group on Domestic Human Needs (DHN) and partners, we are reaching out to **thank you for passage of H.R. 6644, the “21st Century ROAD to Housing Act.”** This historic bill will expand housing supply and lower housing costs in our country by reducing regulatory barriers and strengthening financing options. It will also preserve existing housing, reform programs to increase efficiency, enhance program oversight and coordination, and promote economic mobility.

We welcome the voluntary local adoption of modernized zoning, land-use, and permitting frameworks; accelerated housing production through new flexibilities, incentives, and financing tools; expanded variety of housing types, including manufactured housing; and streamlined review processes this bill is expected to spur. Our faith community has consistently advocated for this package to progress over the past few years. We are hopeful it will help our country take overdue steps forward to ease the burdens of housing insecurity.

The bill also includes priorities serving vulnerable populations the faith community has specifically supported. Together, through coordinated congressional outreach, Hill meetings, and sign-on letters, DHN members have organized to advocate for inclusion of the Reforming Disaster Recovery Act, Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act, Rural Housing Service Reform Act, and Choice in Affordable Housing Act, among other provisions. We thank you for inclusion of these provisions that will help equip us in fulfilling our calls to effectively serve, offering support and hope to our neighbors.

As we celebrate this landmark bill, we also look forward to continuing work together to address any funding needs or reform provisions that arise during implementation. We further hope to collaborate on additional legislation to promote housing affordability in the coming years.

Thank you for your dedicated leadership and collaboration to ensure many of our nation’s pressing housing needs are addressed by commonsense reforms and thoughtful approaches to move our country forward.

Faithfully,

Church World Service

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Faith in Action National Network

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

National Council of Jewish Women

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Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness

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The Episcopal Church

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