



June 23, 2026

Dear Representative,

Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) applauds the Senate's passage of H.R. 6644, the *Housing for the 21st Century Act*, as amended, and urges the House to expeditiously consider this truly bipartisan legislation, which has the potential to improve the lives of so many of our fellow citizens.

CCUSA is a national membership organization of 169 diocesan Catholic Charities member agencies, which operate 3,300 service locations across the country. Last year, the CCUSA network provided help and created hope for over 15 million people, many of whom received housing-related services, the availability of which is directly impacted by provisions of H.R. 6644. Last year, the Catholic Charities network helped over 196,000 people access stable housing, provided homelessness-related services to over 719,000 individuals, provided over 38,000 permanent housing units for families, seniors, and veterans, and assisted over 5,000 clients with one-on-one housing counseling services.

The *Housing for the 21st Century Act* recognizes that the United States faces a significant housing supply shortage that has contributed to rising rents and home prices. We applaud Congress's effort to address manufactured housing laws, veterans' access to housing, and rental assistance for the elderly and disabled through the advancement of this bill. In addition, we support provisions in the legislation that promote zoning modernization, increase private investment in LIHTC, raise banks' public welfare investment cap from 15 to 20 percent, encourage homeless program reform, and re-authorize the CDBG-DR program, which provides communities with more timely and predictable access to disaster recovery funding. Lastly, we are particularly excited about the common-sense reform provisions that address the HOME Investment Partnerships and Community Development Block Grant programs, both of which have been critical sources for our agencies to address the affordable housing needs of agency individual and family clients.

All of God's children deserve a safe, decent, affordable place to call home and this legislation is an important next step in providing that assurance. We believe that future opportunities lie ahead, particularly in regard to the reform and support of housing choice vouchers, project-based rental assistance, permanent supportive housing, homelessness prevention, and further housing counseling support and homeownership creation. We look forward to continued collaboration with Congress to ensure that housing policy in our nation reflects both sound research and our shared moral commitment to protect the most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kerry Alys Robinson".

Kerry Alys Robinson
President & CEO