



National American Indian Housing Council

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The National American Indian Housing Council Applauds House Passage of the Housing for the 21st Century Act

WASHINGTON, DC – The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), the nation’s leading advocacy organization for Tribal housing, applauds the House in passing the *Housing for the 21st Century Act*. Passed on February 9th, the Act streamlines housing production and affordability by updating outdated programs, removing unnecessary federal requirements, increasing local flexibility, and allowing banks to more freely deploy funding.

For Tribal communities, the Act establishes a HUD pilot program to issue competitive grants to assist state, local, and Tribal governments with implementing regional housing planning and community development activities which sunsets in five years.

“The House’s passage of the Housing for the 21st Century Act represents meaningful bipartisan progress toward addressing our nation’s housing supply and affordability challenges,” **said Rudy Soto, executive director of the National American Indian Housing Council.** “We commend congressional leaders for advancing major housing reforms that remove barriers, modernize programs, and increase flexibility for communities on the ground. For Tribal Nations and Indian Country, these steps are especially important. When federal housing policy becomes more responsive and less restrictive, Tribal governments are better positioned to meet urgent housing needs for families, elders, Veterans, and workforce households.

“At the same time, this moment underscores the importance of ensuring Tribal housing programs are fully included in this new era of housing development. NAIHC looks forward to working with the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate to modernize and reauthorize NAHASDA so that outdated statutory barriers are lifted and Tribal communities have the tools, certainty, and financing flexibility necessary to build more housing. We remain committed to partnering with Congress to ensure Indian Country is not left behind as the nation advances comprehensive housing reform.”

The bipartisan housing package addresses the housing shortage by expanding manufactured and affordable housing finance opportunities, as well as modernizing local development and rural housing programs.

The *Housing for the 21st Century Act* is led by House Committee on Financial Services Chairman French Hill (R-AR), Ranking Member Maxine Waters (D-CA), Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance Chair Mike Flood (R-NE), and Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance Ranking Member Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO).

Click [here](#) for the full bill text.

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About NAIHC

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), established in 1974, is the only national nonprofit organization representing Tribal housing programs and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) across Indian Country. NAIHC provides training, technical assistance, advocacy, and resources to support safe, affordable, and culturally appropriate housing for Native people.

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