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The Honorable _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2017 (H.R. 1661)

Representative _____:

On behalf of [YOUR organization], I ask that you join Representative Pat Tiberi (R-OH-12) and Ways and Means Committee Ranking Member Richard Neal (D-MA-1) as a co-sponsor of the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2017 (H.R. 1661), bipartisan legislation that would strengthen the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit).

This bill would enact numerous provisions to strengthen the Housing Credit, including providing states with additional flexibility, making the financing of affordable housing more predictable and streamlined, increasing the Housing Credit's ability to reach extremely low-income tenants, and facilitating Housing Credit development in challenging markets like rural and Native American communities.

The Tiberi-Neal bill already has strong bipartisan support in the 115th Congress, with sixteen original co-sponsors – nine Republicans and seven Democrats – and more joining since its introduction. Of the sixteen original co-sponsors, thirteen are members of the Ways and Means Committee.

As you know, the Housing Credit is the most efficient and effective tool for developing and preserving affordable rental housing. Since 1986, the Housing Credit has helped build or preserve nearly 3 million affordable rental homes nationwide, providing homes to 6.7 million low-income families and supporting approximately 3.25 million jobs.

[Add your own discussion of the impact of the Housing Credit locally]

For the more than 12 million households that currently spend more than half of their income on housing, your support for the Housing Credit is critical.

Sincerely,