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What is the National Housing Trust Fund?

The National Housing Trust Fund Campaign is working to establish a National Housing Trust Fund to build and preserve 1.5 million units of rental housing over the next 10 years for the lowest income families. The Trust Fund would:

- Provide a dedicated, permanent source of revenue.
- Fund housing for those that need it most—people living on social security income, working at minimum wage, and other low income families—with 75% devoted to extremely low income families and 25% to low income families.
- Require all constructed and rehabilitated units to remain affordable for at least 50 years.
- Allocate 60% of the funds to local governments and 40% to states, allowing them to use existing mechanisms to distribute the funds in ways that best benefit their areas.
- Limit to 50%, the percentage of units in a given development that could be for extremely low income households in order to assure that poor families are not segregated.

Why should I endorse the National Housing Trust Fund Campaign?

- We need a federal commitment to housing. Without places to call home, people cannot succeed. Yet in no jurisdiction in the country can a full-time minimum wage worker afford a one-bedroom unit at the fair market rent.
- Lack of housing hinders economic development. Businesses simply will not locate where their workers cannot live, while housing production is a proven economic stimulus. Over time, a federal investment of \$5 billion can be expected to leverage funds resulting in 1.8 million new jobs and \$50 billion in wages.
- Trust funds are a proven way to build needed housing. Nearly 600 state and local housing trust funds have produced hundreds of thousands of units across the country.

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