## Template Letter to Senate Staff in Support of H.R. 7024

Dear [Staffer Name],

[Insert sentence about you and your connection to the state]. I am writing to ask for your support of the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024 (H.R. 7024), which contains provisions to expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit). As you may know, the bill was negotiated by House Ways and Means Chair Jason Smith and Senate Finance Chair Ron Wyden. On Jan. 19, the bill passed the Ways and Means Committee in a vote of 40-3, with many of the committee members identifying how critical the Housing Credit provisions are to address our nation's shortage of affordable housing.

As you may know, the standalone legislation that inspired the housing provisions in H.R. 7024, the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act (S. 1557), has the support of nearly half of Congress. At present, there are 30 cosponsors in the Senate, evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans.

The Housing Credit is our nation's number one tool for financing the construction and preservation of affordable rental housing. The provisions in H.R. 7024 would finance the construction of over 200,000 new affordable homes nationwide, providing a decent and safe place to live for that many families. In [State] the Housing Credit has produced or preserved [Enter stats from <u>state factsheets</u>] since the program's inception in 1986. [Include a local example of a Housing Credit project if you have one.]

Lastly, I would also like to share a <u>letter</u> signed by nearly 100 affordable housing and community development organizations calling for the enactment of the tax package and the resources needed to build and preserve affordable rental housing all across the country. I urge [Senator NAME] to support the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024. If you have any questions on the letter or the Housing Credit's impact in [State], please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]