



June 27, 2007

The Honorable Barney Frank
Chairman, House Committee on Financial Services
2252 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Frank:

Enterprise Community Partners strongly supports your bill, the National Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007. This legislation will mean significant new resources for the production and preservation of housing that is affordable to people of limited incomes. The legislation's goal of providing 1.5 million units of affordable housing is both admirable and critical as housing challenges are worsening for low-income families in this country, whose incomes simply cannot keep pace with rising housing costs.

Enterprise is one of the nation's leading providers of development capital and expertise for decent, affordable homes in thriving communities. For more than two decades, Enterprise has pioneered neighborhood solutions through private-public partnerships with financial institutions, governments, community organizations and other stakeholders.

We particularly applaud the bill's provision to encourage sustainable development by giving priority to developments that meet national green building standards. Low-income families stand to benefit the most from housing that is healthy, energy-efficient and located near schools, jobs and transportation. Federal leadership and resources are essential to make all affordable housing more sustainable, and we believe this bill will help achieve that goal.

We are grateful for your continued leadership and commend your dedication to ensuring that all families have access to fit and affordable housing. Enterprise looks forward to working with you to pass this landmark legislation. Please call upon us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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