

October 21, 2021

Chairwoman Maxine Waters  
U.S. House Committee on Financial Services  
2129 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
*Sent via email*

Dear Chairwoman Waters:

Thank you for your strong advocacy in pushing for the housing provisions in the Build Back Better Act. Your leadership makes an incredible difference for millions of people who lack equitable access to housing opportunities, including our LGBTQ community. I am submitting this letter of support from the National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund, a member organization of the Opportunity Starts At Home coalition. On behalf of the millions of LGBTQ people and our families in this country, I write in support of the need for housing provisions in the Build Back Better Act – for public housing funding, vouchers, and the Housing Trust Fund – are vital priorities for our beautifully diverse LGBTQ community.

As you are aware, vital housing programs most directly and effectively serve the lowest income and most marginalized households with the greatest needs. Far too many of us cannot depend on a stable home for ourselves and our children. This must change. Updated and well-funded housing programs are essential to delivering racial, gender and economic justice, to stabilize and improve the lives of those who are most marginalized in our community including Black, Brown, and transgender people as well as people living with disabilities. Housing insecurity, fueled as it is by intersectional discrimination, is well-documented in the LGBTQ community.

Thank you for taking initiative in calling on President Joseph R. Biden, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer to include these housing provisions in the Build Back Better Act. These investments are essential to a more affordable, equitable, and just housing infrastructure.

I hope today's Hearing goes well, and please do feel free to share this with your colleagues. If you have any questions, please contact our Policy Director Liz Seaton, Esq., at (202) 440-1655 or [lseaton@thetaskforce.org](mailto:lseaton@thetaskforce.org).

Most Sincerely,



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