



The Healthy Affordable Housing Act **Quotes of Support**

“We can’t retain and grow our population in Michigan and Oakland County if people can’t afford to live here,” said **Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter**. “Rep. Stevens’ bipartisan proposal for federal funding that will encourage communities to increase the inventory of affordable housing will be the perfect partner for the county’s Housing Trust Fund.”

“We are moving quickly with solutions to the housing crisis, and we need partners to join us in taking housing seriously and making it a priority,” said **Amy Hovey, CEO & Executive Director of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority**. “We appreciate Rep. Stevens for her hard work and collaboration and we look forward to continued action on housing solutions in Congress.”

“Affordable housing, essential supports, and health services are the foundations of strong communities,” said **Deborah De Santis, president and CEO of the Corporation for Supportive Housing**. “Yet, many people still face significant barriers to achieving the American dream and having a safe place to sleep. CSH is pleased to endorse the reintroduction of the *Healthy Affordable Housing Act*, championed by Congresswoman Haley Stevens. This sensible legislation aims to allocate resources for rental units that provide crucial services like healthcare, child care, and public transportation. By making housing accessible and affordable, the Act will ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a thriving neighborhood and flourish.”

“Local governments need more resources to tackle the affordable housing shortage and help low-income households access vital community services,” said a **spokesperson for the National Community Development Association**. “NCDA applauds the introduction of the *Healthy Affordable Housing Act* for helping local governments address these issues.”

“Supporting efforts to expand access to affordable housing is a priority for many Michigan hospitals,” said **Michigan Health & Hospital Association CEO Brian Peters**. “Safe, affordable housing plays a large role in achieving better health outcomes for patients and is a key factor in recruiting and retaining healthcare workers. We thank Rep. Haley Stevens for continuing to lead the charge in addressing the shortage of affordable housing that impacts all areas of Michigan.”

“At Habitat, our goal with each of our families is home ownership,” said **Michele Hodges Executive Director and CEO at Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County**. “Before that happens, there are lots of obstacles that can delay or even prevent our hard-working habitat

families from getting the keys to their habitat home. The most difficult hurdle for our families is accessing things like child care, healthcare, and transit. Rep. Stevens bill helps our families by making all the things it takes to raise a family closer to home”

The Home Accessibility Tax Credit Act **Quotes of Support**

“Disabled veterans with the greatest support needs often need adaptations to make their homes more accessible,” said **Heather Ansley, Chief Policy Officer of Paralyzed Veterans of America**. “The *Home Accessibility Tax Credit Act* would make it easier for them and other people with disabilities to make the changes needed to help them remain independent and in their communities. We appreciate Rep. Stevens’ efforts to provide critical housing modification support for people with disabilities.”

“Home ownership is one of the proven forms of wealth building and economic mobility,” said **Thomas Foley, J.D., Executive Director of the National Disability Institute**. “However, home modifications for those with disabilities can often be costly, making it unaffordable for low-income households, Veterans, and older adults. NDI supports the *Home Accessibility Tax Credit Act* so that people with disabilities can make their homes more accessible and safer and live more independently in their communities.”

“As a person with a significant disability, who has experienced the joy of using home modifications to be able to enter my own home independently, without help from anyone, it was such a feeling of empowerment,” said **Theo Braddy, Executive Director of the National Council on Independent Living**. “The *Home Accessibility Tax Credit Act* will bring that joy to the other Americans living with disabilities who could benefit from this life changing program.”

The Fix Moldy Housing Act **Quotes of Support**

“People often ask, ‘How did you still have hope, even after experiencing mold in three homes?’ I tell them that I began to believe that God had a purpose for this and it was bigger than us. We ultimately connected with Congresswoman Haley Stevens, and her team was there for us from the moment she heard our story,” said **Stephanie Crider, West Bloomfield Township, MI resident**. “The level of compassion and empathy to hear my family’s story - and the stories of other people I know impacted - got us to where we are today. I know this is a complex, nuanced issue to tackle, but I have faith in the journey ahead because of the steps we have taken and the commitment we made to do even more. I’m committed to the journey. Our family matters and so does yours.”

“The *Fix Moldy Housing Act* offers a path to ensuring that mold assessors and remediators throughout the United States are properly trained,” said **Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) President/Chairman Joe Dobbins**. “The Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) has been at the forefront of educating mold remediation professionals by developing accredited certifications and standards. We look forward to offering our standards and certifications to members of Congress, the EPA, and other stakeholders to assist in the development of state licensure programs.”

“We fully support EPA’s mold prevention and remediation efforts,” said **National Environmental Health Association Executive Director, David T. Dyjack, Dr, PH, CIH.** “This Act is essential to addressing the health risks associated with mold and improving our indoor air quality at home, work, and in our schools.”

The First Time Homeowner Savings Plan Act **Quotes of Support**

“As Americans continue to face high home prices, the *First Time Homeowner Savings Plan Act* will make down payments more affordable and empower prospective homebuyers to secure their dream of homeownership,” said **American Bankers Association Executive Vice President for Congressional Relations Kirsten Sutton.** “ABA appreciates Rep. Stevens’ leadership on this issue and will continue to encourage Congress to act on housing affordability.”

“The Mortgage Bankers Association is pleased to support the *First Time Homeowner Savings Plan Act*,” said **Bill Killmer, Senior Vice President of Legislative and Political Affairs.** “This legislation, by raising the IRA withdrawal limit for first-time home purchases to \$25,000 and indexing it to inflation, connects the goal of homeownership with retirement savings, encouraging younger individuals to start saving earlier to build wealth over a longer period.”

“The National Association of REALTORS® fully supports the current-law incentive that allows first-time homebuyers to withdraw up to \$10,000 from a qualified retirement plan without having to pay the early withdrawal penalty,” said **National Association of Realtors President, Kevin Sears.** “This provision has helped many thousands to gather the necessary funds for a down payment. However, when this provision was enacted in the early 1990s, \$10,000 went a lot further than it does today. So, increasing the amount to \$25,000 is a much needed and very helpful step to assist families with the increasingly elusive but often vital goal of purchasing their first home. We express our gratitude to Rep. Stevens for her leadership on this important legislation.”