New England states rank among the least affordable in the nation. The Trump Administration’s budget proposal reduces HUD’s budget by $7.4 billion and cuts almost every HUD and Rural Housing program, eliminating tools to build and preserve housing, and slashing public housing. This proposal would put people at risk of eviction from subsidized housing and put our public housing stock at risk of being lost.
The 2018 Budget Proposes a 29% Cut in Funding for Public Housing

Over 66,000 households live in public housing in New England

Populations Served by Public Housing in New England
- Elderly
- Families with Children
- Non-Elderly Disabled
- Other

A 2010 capital needs study estimated the backlog at up to $26 billion with new needs accruing at another $3.4 billion a year nationwide.

HUD reports that even with replacement funds, over 139,000 public housing units have been lost (net) since fiscal year 2000 (about 8,700 units a year on average) nationwide.

Our Request
- Fund Section 8 at $21.8 billion, including $19.9 billion for renewals.
- Fully renew appropriations for the Project Based Rental Assistance program and the Section 202 and 811 programs, without assuming increased tenant contributions or violating commitments to owners regarding rent increases.
- Fund public housing at FY17 budget levels plus inflation.
- Renew permanent housing for the homeless, funded through HUD’s Continuum of Care programs.
- Restore and increase funding for HOME and CDBG.
- Preserve all USDA Rural Development programs and fund at no less than FY 17 levels, adjusted for inflation. They are absolutely critical for ALL of our New England states.
- Protect the National Housing Trust Fund.

For America to succeed, families must have the opportunity to live in a quality, affordable home in a thriving community. Investments in affordable housing boost economic mobility, reduce poverty and homelessness, improve health and educational outcomes, and strengthen the economy. With more families struggling to make ends meet, and our nation’s affordable housing infrastructure deteriorating, federal investments are ever more critical to sustain our communities and ensure families prosper.

We urge members of Congress to STRONGLY OPPOSE the President’s budget and to invest more in critical HUD and USDA programs so that everyone throughout our region has a place to call home.

New England Housing Network Lead Agencies
Citizens’ Housing and Planning Association / Connecticut Housing Coalition / Housing Action New Hampshire / HousingWorks RI / Maine Affordable Housing Coalition / Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition

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