

# Housing crisis needs federal assistance: Second Look

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*Letter to the editor:*

The nation's housing crisis is a human crisis. Now more than ever, preserving at-risk, affordable and low-income housing must be a key component of federal housing policy under the Trump administration.

Affordable housing for the 6.9% of families across the U.S. who are low-income just doesn't seem to exist. Sadly, the scenario is even bleaker for the 14.7% of Americans who are living deeply below the poverty line.

Simply put, without full funding, every community will suffer serious, irreversible consequences. The leadership at Department of Housing and Urban Development has a moral responsibility to frame meaningful housing policy for the future with fair, long-term solutions.

Dramatic cuts proposed by some members of Congress threaten funding formulas and tax legislation, like the low income housing tax credit. This will surely devastate housing authorities' ability to preserve, rehabilitate and build affordable housing for the disabled, veterans, seniors, poor families and homeless.

Without investments and/or grants, affordable housing can't be built or rehabilitated, leaving few housing options for America's poorest.

Housing policy in the U.S. must be transformed because the nation's severe shortage of affordable housing is a human crisis that cannot be ignored.

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