

February 5, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: National Association of REALTORS® Support for H.R. 6644, the *Housing for the 21st Century Act*

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), I write to express our strong support for the *Housing for the 21st Century Act* (H.R. 6644) as it comes to the House floor. We commend Chairman Hill, Ranking Member Waters, Chairman Flood, and Ranking Member Cleaver for their bipartisan leadership that made this legislation possible and appreciate Congress's commitment to addressing America's housing affordability crisis through practical, meaningful reforms. NAR urges all members to vote yes on H.R. 6644.

America faces an urgent housing affordability challenge. As the nation's leading voice for real estate professionals, NAR's nearly 1.5 million members witness daily how the lack of housing supply affects families across the country. With a shortage of 4.7 million homes and housing costs consuming a growing share of family budgets, too many Americans find homeownership—and even stable rental housing—out of reach. Indeed, according to NAR's latest research, the median age of a first-time buyer has climbed to an all-time high of 40 years old.

NAR strongly supports bipartisan efforts in both chambers to address this crisis, and we believe Congress must act decisively to remove barriers to housing production and reform outdated programs, while giving communities the tools they need to build more homes.

By addressing barriers at the federal, state, and local levels, H.R. 6644 represents the kind of comprehensive approach needed to expand housing opportunities and restore affordability. This legislation provides communities with technical assistance and incentives to reduce local barriers to housing development, streamlines federal environmental reviews that delay production, and modernizes critical programs like HOME and CDBG to work more effectively. It also removes outdated manufactured housing requirements and strengthens pathways for families to access credit and build wealth through homeownership.

NAR is committed to working with leaders in both chambers to advance these solutions, which will reduce costs and expand housing supply, ensuring more Americans can achieve the dream of homeownership. We thank House leadership and the Financial Services Committee for advancing this important legislation and look forward to working with both chambers to enact critical housing reforms.

If you have any questions, please contact Elayne Weiss, Senior Policy Representative, at eweiss@nar.realtor.

Sincerely,



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CC: The Honorable French Hill, Chairman, Committee on Financial Services, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Maxine Waters, Ranking Member, Committee on Financial Services, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Mike Flood, Chairman, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, Committee on Financial Services, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, Committee on Financial Services, U.S. House of Representatives