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**The Housing Trust Supports Trust Fund Legislation that
Helps Poorest Ohioans**

Columbus, OH - The Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County supports legislation on H.R. 2895, for the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act. This bipartisan bill seeks to address the desperate housing needs of thousands of families and individuals with extremely low incomes.

The National Housing Trust Fund is modeled on successful state and local housing trust funds, which have a proven track record of success but need more resources to meet the needs of those with the lowest incomes. This Trust Fund seeks to build, rehabilitate and maintain 1.5 million units of housing for the neediest Americans over the next decade, targeting extremely low-income individuals who have incomes below 30% of the Area Median Income.

Instead of funds being allocated to HUD, the money is distributed to state and local government agencies who will benefit from the flexibility to determine how best to utilize resources received from the national fund.

National Affordable Housing Trust Fund will help close the affordability gap for many desperate Ohioans, who are forced to pay 50 percent or more of their income on housing; and who work multiple jobs, at the expense of time from their children and families. Creating more affordable housing prevents families from doubling and tripling up, creating overcrowding, and from living in substandard housing conditions.

By urging members of the Ohio Congressional Delegation to sign onto this legislation it will help assure Ohio can provide housing opportunities for those families with extremely low incomes and individuals who need it most.