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The Honorable Barney Frank
Chair, House Financial Services Committee
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Spencer Bachus
Ranking Member, House Financial Services Committee
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Frank and Ranking Member Bachus:

Thank you for your leadership of the House Financial Services Committee. Habitat for Humanity International and the undersigned affiliates strongly support capitalization of the National Housing Trust Fund.

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. To date, Habitat has built over 350,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.75 million people in 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter. In 2008 alone, Habitat served more than 61,000 families worldwide with housing solutions, including approximately 6,000 families in the United States.

Here in the United States, with communities around the country continuing to struggle to overcome the effects of the foreclosure crisis and economic recession, limited federal dollars supporting low-income homeownership have never been more important than they are today. Therefore, Habitat urges Congress to act soon to capitalize the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF). Habitat supports \$1.065 billion be provided immediately to capitalize the NHTF.

The NHTF was created in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) to address the severe shortage of housing affordable for the lowest income families, but it has not yet been funded. The President proposed funding for the NHTF in his FY10 and FY11 budget requests.

Habitat for Humanity strongly supports funding the National Housing Trust Fund because such funding will create a continuum of affordable housing opportunities for American households with low, very-low and extremely low incomes. Further, investment in the NHTF will create good jobs. The \$1 billion provided to the Trust Fund will support the immediate construction of homes, creating new construction jobs and new jobs supporting ongoing operations.

We urge Congress to provide this badly needed funding at the soonest possible opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Spencer County, Indiana Habitat for Humanity	IN
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Habitat for Humanity of Warrick County, Inc.	IN
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Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County	IN
Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette	IN
Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County	IN
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Riverbend Habitat for Humanity	KS
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Paducah-McCracken County Habitat for Humanity	KY
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Habitat for Humanity of Henderson Kentucky	KY
Campbellsville/Taylor County Habitat for Humanity	KY
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Rapides County Habitat for Humanity	LA
New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity	LA
Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West	LA
Habitat for Humanity of Madison, Louisiana	LA
Merrimack County Habitat for Humanity	MA
Habitat for Humanity of North Central Massachusetts	MA
Patuxent Habitat for Humanity	MD
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County	MD
Waterville Area Habitat for Humanity	ME
Hancock County Habitat for Humanity	ME
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland	ME
Tri-Cities Area Habitat for Humanity	MI
St. Joseph County Michigan Habitat for Humanity	MI
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Macomb County Habitat for Humanity	MI
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Livingston County Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	MI
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Eaton Area Habitat for Humanity	MI
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Blue Water Habitat for Humanity	MI
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Twin Cities Area Habitat for Humanity	MN
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Leaf River Area Habitat for Humanity	MN
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Caldwell County Habitat for Humanity	NC
Alexander County Habitat for Humanity	NC
Lincoln/Lancaster County Habitat for Humanity	NE
Hastings Area Habitat for Humanity	NE
Habitat for Humanity of Omaha	NE
Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity	NE
Southeast NH Habitat for Humanity	NH
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Morris Habitat for Humanity	NJ
Metropolitan Camden Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	NJ
Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity	NM
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Habitat for Humanity of Artesia	NM
Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity	NM
Truckee Meadows Habitat for Humanity	NV
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Ulster County Habitat for Humanity	NY
Syracuse Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	NY
Raquette Valley Habitat for Humanity	NY
Oneida County Habitat for Humanity	NY
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Habitat for Humanity of Genesee County	NY
Chemung County Habitat for Humanity	NY
Chautauqua Area Habitat for Humanity	NY
Sandusky County Habitat for Humanity	OH
Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity	OH
Licking County Habitat for Humanity	OH
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Habitat for Humanity of Mahoning County	OH
Habitat for Humanity of Logan County	OH
Habitat for Humanity of Logan Co	OH
Habitat for Humanity of Hocking County Ohio	OH
Habitat for Humanity of Fairfield County	OH
Habitat for Humanity of Coshocton Ohio	OH
Habitat for Humanity of Belmont County	OH
Firelands Habitat for Humanity	OH
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Lawton-Ft. Still Habitat for Humanity	OK
Umpqua Valley Habitat for Humanity	OR
Klamath Basin Habitat for Humanity	OR
Junction City/Harrisburg/Monroe Habitat for Humanity	OR
Jefferson Co. Habitat for Humanity	OR
Habitat for Humanity of Oregon	OR
Florence Habitat for Humanity	OR
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Lawrence County Habitat for Humanity	PA
Lancaster County Habitat for Humanity	PA
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Habitat for Humanity of Susquehanna Co. PA	PA
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Richland County Habitat for Humanity	SC
Pickens County Habitat for Humanity	SC
Oconee County Habitat for Humanity	SC
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Habitat for Anderson South Carolina	SC
Greenwood Area Habitat for Humanity	SC
East Cooper Habitat for Humanity	SC

Dorchester Habitat for Humanity	SC
Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity	SC
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Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity	SD
Rutherford Area Habitat for Humanity	TN
McNairy County Habitat for Humanity	TN
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Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity	TX
Fort Hood Area Habitat for Humanity	TX
Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity	TX
Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity	TX
Salt Lake Valley Habitat for Humanity	UT
Habitat for Humanity of Utah County	UT
Tazewell County Habitat for Humanity	VA
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