



Evangelical  
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in America

## **ELCA urges YES Vote on ROAD to Housing Act**

LETTER TO SENATORS

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On behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we respectfully urge you to vote YES on the ROAD to Housing Act (S. 2651) advancing on the Senate floor. The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the U.S. with over 2.7 million members across all 50 states and the U.S. territories.

Our congregations are witnessing the housing crisis firsthand. Pastors and ministry leaders across the country consistently cite housing affordability as one of the fastest-growing drivers of poverty and homelessness in their communities. In response, many Lutheran congregations that have offered emergency shelters for generations are increasingly applying resources to build affordable housing on church property – but the faith community cannot meet the severity of this crisis alone.

The ROAD to Housing Act represents the kind of bipartisan, practical solution this moment demands. We are particularly grateful for provisions that will:

Modernize effective development to expand housing supply;

Authorize the Community Development Block Grant Program – Disaster Recovery, a priority for our denomination’s disaster response ministry;

Maintain and expand housing stock, especially in rural communities and near transit hubs;

Facilitate pathways to manufactured housing that can help underserved areas in need of investment the most.

In our religious tradition, housing is a moral issue that concerns human beings created in God’s image for a life of dignity in justice. When families cannot afford stable shelter, many other aspects of life - employment, education, health, and safety - are at risk. While this legislation alone cannot solve our nation’s housing affordability crisis, it represents a meaningful and transformative step towards ensuring all people can have access to safe, affordable homes.

We thank you for your service to our nation and your consideration of this legislation. You remain in our prayers as you deliberate on matters affecting the common good.

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