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Recognizing that stable housing keeps families together.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. RAMIREZ (for herself, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. FROST, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. PETERS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. CARSON, Mr. LIEU, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. TITUS, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Mr. MENEFE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing that stable housing keeps families together.

Whereas stable housing is defined as a fundamental human right, encompassing the right to access and sustain safe, affordable, and adequate housing;

Whereas stable housing demands a secure and consistent space which enables individuals and families to rest, maintain personal hygiene, and pursue educational and employment opportunities;

Whereas the definition of stable housing extends beyond homelessness to address challenges such as substandard living conditions, overcrowding, and the risk of eviction;

Whereas a family is defined as a group of two people or more related by birth, marriage, adoption, or an affinity whose close association is the equivalent of a family relationship transcending the boundaries of immigration status, race, color, religion, sex, sexuality, gender identity, economic class, or country of origin;

Whereas stable housing keeps families together and is a foundational element for family well-being, emotional, and mental health;

Whereas the Nation is facing a housing affordability crisis with safe stable housing out of reach for families across the country;

Whereas a family with mixed immigration status can be defined as a family whose members are a mix of United States citizens and individuals with various legal immigration statuses;

Whereas the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recognizes in its analysis that removing mixed status families will decrease rather than increase affordable housing for everyone;

Whereas the Trump administration's proposal to ban families with mixed immigration status from HUD states HUD denies eligible individuals from living with their ineligible family members, forcing impacted households to choose between separating to keep their subsidy or face eviction and potentially homelessness as a family;

Whereas the Trump administration is using the mixed-status rule to evict immigrant families from their homes and push their anti-immigrant agenda;

Whereas the proposed rule does nothing to improve housing affordability across the country, and instead would cause

nearly 80,000 families to lose their housing assistance, including nearly 37,000 children;

Whereas housing providers would be forced to evict families with mixed immigration status instead of keeping properties safe and supporting residents;

Whereas separating families with mixed immigration status would increase homelessness and make it harder for communities across the Nation to address the housing crisis;

Whereas this rule change would affect all HUD tenants, including millions of people who are citizens living in some of the biggest Federal housing programs, not just families who have mixed immigration status;

Whereas this rule change would subject HUD residents who are United States citizens to running their personal information through a flawed system at the Department of Homeland Security and jeopardize their housing security;

Whereas ripping apart, evicting, or forcing families with mixed immigration status into homelessness would worsen the housing crisis;

Whereas families with mixed immigration status in the United States seek the promise of freedom and opportunity that all of us cherish;

Whereas housing stability cannot exist without policies that protect families of all immigration status, race, color, religion, sex, sexuality, gender identity, economic class, or country of origin; and

Whereas the United States has the resources to ensure every individual and family, immigrant or otherwise, have the freedom to live where we want and take care of our families, without fear of being evicted: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) affirms that housing is a fundamental
3 human right and that Federal housing programs
4 keep families together, regardless of immigration
5 status;

6 (2) affirms that families who have mixed immi-
7 gration status should be able to continue receiving
8 prorated benefits and living together in public hous-
9 ing and section 8 housing without the threat of
10 forced separation or eviction in accordance with sec-
11 tion 214 of the Housing and Community Develop-
12 ment Act of 1980 and the underlying congressional
13 intent;

14 (3) affirms that to address the housing crisis
15 and ensure everyone in our nation has a safe and
16 stable place to call home, the Trump administration
17 should work with Congress to make significant new
18 investments in the Federal housing programs;

19 (4) condemns the Trump administration’s pro-
20 posal circumventing this established law and prohib-
21 iting families with mixed immigration status from
22 receiving prorated housing assistance or living in
23 Federal housing programs like public housing and
24 Section 8;

1 (5) condemns policies that scapegoat people
2 who are immigrants, people of color, and low-income
3 families for the housing crisis instead of addressing
4 systematic causes such as wage stagnation, rising
5 rents, and the lack of affordable housing supply;

6 (6) condemns policies that do not protect immi-
7 grants and keep families whole and housed;

8 (7) calls on the Government Accountability Of-
9 fice to conduct oversight and issue a report on the
10 impact of the Trump administration’s proposal on
11 its effects on family separation, homelessness, and
12 housing affordability, including to United States cit-
13 izen children;

14 (8) calls on Congress to increase funding for
15 Housing Choice Vouchers and Housing First initia-
16 tives to directly address the housing crisis;

17 (9) condemns HUD Secretary Scott Turner for
18 advancing policies that threaten family unity, worsen
19 homelessness, and undermine the mission of HUD
20 to provide safe, stable, and affordable housing for
21 all; and

22 (10) calls on the Secretary of HUD to withdraw
23 the proposed rule entitled “Housing and Community

- 1 Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible
- 2 Status”.

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