



SAMPLE LETTER FOR LIHC LEGISLATION SUPPORT

**The Honorable Bill Archer
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Washington, D.C. 20515**

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Dear Representative Archer:

I am writing to urge you to support raising the low-income housing tax credit (LIHC) cap from t \$1.25 per capita to \$1.75 per capita, and indexing the cap to inflation before the end of the legislati Oct. 6.

Since the LIHC cap has not been increased in the program's 14-year history, inflation has erod credit's purchasing power substantially. In the late 1980s, the tax credit allowed investors to bui units of low-income housing. In 1998, this figure dropped to just 65,000 affordable housing units.

Demand for tax credits far outstrips supply. While there is demand for 233,000 new housing units fewer than 130,000 new units are being approved. The tax credit program has produced over 100,0 affordable housing units since its inception.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that 8 million low-income families will be in need of quality housing in the next decade. The LIHC is an essential tool in bridging that gap. Your support of a tax increase this year will ensure the development of quality affordable housing for the nati vulnerable—working low-income families.

Thank you for your support.

Very truly yours,

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