



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

October 26, 2009

The Honorable Barney Frank  
Chairman, Committee on Financial Services  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2129 Rayburn Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Frank:

On behalf of the Consortium for Citizens With Disabilities (CCD) Housing Task Force, we are writing to offer our strong support for your introduction of the Main Street TARP Act of 2009 (HR 3766). The CCD Housing Task Force is a coalition of national disability organizations which advocates on behalf of the housing needs of people with a variety of disabilities, including developmental disabilities, mental illness, sensory, and physical disabilities.

CCD is extremely pleased that this legislation provides for \$1 billion from the TARP program for the National Housing Trust Fund. CCD has strongly supported the NHTF since it was initially introduced. The NHTF is a major step forward in efforts to develop rental housing affordable to extremely low-income households. As you know, people with disabilities living on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are (on average) at less than 18% area median income. The NHTF will be a critical resource therefore in expanding access to affordable and accessible rental housing for people with disabilities. CCD is also pleased that HR 3766 adopts the Brooke rule that will limit tenant rents payments in units funded by the NHTF to 30% of their monthly income.

CCD looks forward to working with you and your colleagues in the House to ensure prompt passage of HR 3766.

Sincerely,

American Association of People with Disabilities  
American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
American Foundation for the Blind  
American Network of Community Options and Resources  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

Easter Seals  
Lutheran Services in America  
Mental Health America  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Alliance to End Homelessness  
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare  
National Council on Independent Living  
National Disability Rights Network  
National MS Society  
National Spinal Cord Injury Association  
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