

The Honorable Scott Peters  
2369 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Lawler  
324 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

June 30, 2026

Dear Congressmen Peters and Lawler,

Small single-stair housing, [four to six story buildings](#) with only one staircase, is a low-cost way to help address America's ongoing housing supply crisis. By eliminating the need for dual staircases and long interior hallways, this design allows builders to maximize rentable living space. The Military Housing Innovation Act is a much-needed step forward in expanding access and bringing down costs for military families, whose budgets are often stretched thin with each move.

As one of the nation's largest landholders, the Department of Defense (DoD) is uniquely positioned to set a standard. The Military Housing Innovation Act addresses the need for data by requiring the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to study single-stair housing, providing a vital blueprint for future code changes and an opportunity for the DoD to delivery units economically. Embracing single-stair design allows for more affordable units. This bill would also serve as a reference point for the private market that single-stair housing is viable and needed.

Thank you for your leadership, and we encourage your colleagues in both chambers to swiftly support this straightforward reform.

Sincerely,

**National Organizations**

American Planning Association

Casita Coalition

Chamber of Progress

Community Solutions

Inclusive Abundance Action

Institute for Progress

MOD X

National Association of REALTORS®

UnidosUS

Up For Growth Action

YIMBY Action

### **State/Local Organizations**

**Arizona** - Tucson for Everyone, YIMBY Maricopa

**California** - California YIMBY, Circulate Policy and Planning, East Bay YIMBY, Fresno for All, Grow The Richmond, Marin YIMBY, Mountain View YIMBY, Napa-Solano for Everyone, Northern Neighbors, Peninsula for Everyone, San Benito YIMBY, San Francisco YIMBY, San Jose YIMBY, San Mateo Forward, Santa Cruz New Liberals, Santa Cruz YIMBY, Santa Rosa YIMBY, SLOCo YIMBY, South Bay YIMBY, Ventura County YIMBY, Yes In Redwood City, YIMBY Los Angeles, YIMBY Monterey Peninsula, YIMBY Oceanside, Yolo YIMBY

**Colorado** - Maiker Housing Partners, YIMBY Arvada, YIMBY Denver, YIMBY Fort Collins  
YIMBY North Metro

**Connecticut** - YIMBY South Central CT

**Delaware** - YIMBY Delaware

**Florida** - Gainesville is for People, More Homes Miami, Orlando YIMBY, YIMBY Tampa

**Georgia** - Abundant Housing Georgia, Athens Urbanists, Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc., Alliance 85, Inc.

**Hawai'i** - Hawai'i YIMBY, Housing Hawai'i's Future

**Illinois** - Abundant Housing Illinois, CUrbanism Club, Rockford Area YIMBY

**Indiana** - Indiana Apartment Association, YIMBYana

**Kansas** - YIMBY Wichita

**Kentucky** - YIMBY Louisville

**Maryland** - YIMBY Maryland

**Michigan** - Abundant Housing Michigan, Strong Towns Flint, YIMBY Oakland County, YIMBY Plymouth

**Minnesota** - Twin Cities YIMBY

**Missouri** - Kirkwood For Everyone

**New York** - New York Apartment Association

**North Carolina** - Charter Properties, Asheville for All, Yes! In My Triangle, WakeUp Wake County

**Ohio** - NEOurbanism

**Oklahoma** - YIMBY Oklahoma City

**Oregon** - Proud Ground, Portland: Neighbors Welcome, Central Oregon YIMBY, Salem YIMBY, Housing Oregon

**Rhode Island** - Neighbors Welcome! Rhode Island

**Texas** - Dallas Housing Coalition, Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity, Humphreys, Texans for Housing, Dallas Neighbors for Housing

**Utah** - Logan YIMBY

**Vermont** - Logic Building Systems

**Virginia** - 15-Minute Fredericksburg, RVA YIMBY, YIMBY Hampton Roads, YIMBY Prince William County, YIMBYs of NoVA

**Washington** - Seattle YIMBY

**Washington DC** - DC Policy Center, DC YIMBYs

**Wisconsin** - 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, Madison is for People, Walworth County YIMBY

**YIMBY Action National Affiliates** – QUIMBY, YIMBY Jewish, YIMBY Latino, YIMBY Veterans & Military Families, YIMBY Women, ZIMBYs: Gen Z YIMBYs