

## Call on your Senators for housing and nonprofit support

*Lawmakers in D.C. are hard at work to determine the needed relief for our country during this unprecedented time. We must ensure that housing relief continues to be a priority. Use the email template below to express your support for this critical relief. Feel free to add a personal story or connection!*

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_,

As your constituent and a supporter of Habitat Wake, thank you for working quickly to address the economic hardship facing families and nonprofits impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As the impacts of COVID-19 continue to unfold, much more is needed to be done to ensure housing stability and continuity for nonprofits serving our communities in this time of crisis.

I urge you to support and cosponsor:

- S. 3620 to create a Housing Assistance Fund, and
- S. 3747 to provide grants to nonprofits helping their communities recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Housing Assistance Fund would boost foreclosure prevention by helping struggling homeowners through mortgage payment assistance, principal reduction, reinstatement of mortgages following a period of forbearance and utility payment assistance, as well as rental assistance for struggling renters. It would provide a flexible source of federal funding to state-level Housing Finance Agencies in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to enable families impacted by COVID-19 to remain in their homes. Preventing foreclosures is not only important for stabilizing families and communities, but also key to economic stability over the long run.

The WORK NOW Act, S. 3747, would provide resources to support nonprofits to scale services to meet increased demand, retain employees and put newly unemployed individuals back to work serving their communities. At a time when communities are increasingly relying on nonprofits for support, nonprofits themselves are facing economic shocks that limit how much they can help. Charitable giving and other revenue streams for nonprofits have declined as a result of coronavirus, forcing many to lay off workers and cut back on services.

Thank you for your consideration of both of these bills.

Sincerely,

Your Name