

United States Senate

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Housing & Community Development Network of New Jersey
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Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to the Housing & Community Development Network of New Jersey as you gather to launch the *HouseNJ* campaign to ensure housing security and stability for our state in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am so grateful for the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey and the tireless work your members do every day to help renters, homeowners, and people experiencing homelessness throughout our state. Housing insecurity continues to be one of the biggest threats to public health and safety. As you all know, we had an urgent affordable housing crisis in New Jersey even before COVID-19, which has only been exacerbated by the pandemic.

Housing impacts every facet of our lives – education, health, employment, long-term financial stability, and opportunity. The pandemic has underscored the importance of our homes and exposed the critical need for more affordable housing. It is time for us to make long overdue investments to create, preserve and improve our affordable housing infrastructure. I am grateful for your partnership as I continue to push to make this a central pillar of the legislative package we are negotiating in Congress. We must use this opportunity to build back better and bring down the cost of housing, improve housing conditions, and remove historic barriers to housing access.

Thank you for your advocacy and your commitment to making sure every person in New Jersey has a decent place to live. I will continue to stand with all of you to fight for safe, affordable, and fair housing.

Sincerely,



Cory A. Booker
United States Senator