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The Honorable Chris Coons United States Senate 218 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Kevin Cramer United States Senate 330 Hart Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Coons and Cramer:

On behalf of the National Association of REALTORS®'s (NAR) 1.4 million members, I write today to express support for S. 1820, the Choice in Affordable Housing Act.

NAR firmly believes in the mission of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help low-income families find safe and affordable housing. Unfortunately, the program has suffered from inefficient and duplicative requirements, creating a program that is difficult to administer and can seriously compromise the performance and financial viability of a property. This deters many landlords from joining the program and has had the effect of reducing the number of landlords involved in the program over the past several years. The Choice in Affordable Housing Act takes much needed steps to remedy some of the problematic elements related to inspection delays and setting fair market rents.

Thank you for your leadership on this vital issue. NAR looks forward to working together to support and improve the HCV program.

Sincerely.

Charlie Oppler

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