



Legislation Text

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Resolution calling on Congress to pass and the President to sign, H.R.4546, the Public Housing Emergency Response Act.

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Whereas, The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) is the largest public housing authority in North America, providing affordable housing to low and moderate income New Yorkers; and

Whereas, The historical federal disinvestment from public housing authorities has limited the amount of available resources for NYCHA to correct mold conditions, broken boilers, lead conditions, leaking roofs, and stalled elevators; and

Whereas, According to NYCHA's Capital Plan for Calendar Years 2019-2023, from 2001 to 2017, the annual federal capital grants for NYCHA have declined from \$420 million to \$346 million and NYCHA has experienced a cumulative federal capital grant funding loss of \$1.34 billion since 2001; and

Whereas, According to NYCHA's most recent Physical Needs Assessment, the total projected cost of all needs - repair and replacement - over the next five years is \$31.8 billion, and \$45.2 billion over 20 years; and

Whereas, H.R.4546, sponsored by Representative Nydia Velazquez, currently pending in the United States House of Representatives, would invest \$70 billion into the Public Housing Capital Fund at the Department of Housing and Urban Development to help support NYCHA's funding needs and the funding needs of the other public housing agencies throughout the United States; and

Whereas, The passage of this Congressional bill is critical to providing public housing authorities like NYCHA with the necessary funding to help maintain their buildings and give tenants a suitable place to live;

now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on Congress to pass and the President to sign,
H.R.4546, the Public Housing Emergency Response Act.

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