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**October 5, 2021**  
**Richard Mills PA Crime Victim (Request For Housing)**  
**315 South Broad Street Unit 0419**  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107**

Dear Mr. Mills:

**Thank you for contacting me about the housing crisis. As your representative, I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts, and I want you to know I am listening to your opinions and concerns on this important issue.**

**As COVID-19 continues to spread, so does the economic harm it brings to our communities, increasing housing instability in Philadelphia and across the country. Renters and homeowners are falling behind on rent, mortgage, and property tax payments due to widespread financial instability and unemployment. I recognize the federal government's responsibility to ensure that every American has a safe place to call home, *especially* during the pandemic, when millions of households are at risk of spiraling from housing instability to eviction and even homelessness.**

**The ongoing national emergency and deepening housing crisis deserve a bold federal response to quickly deliver additional relief to American households. Recently, Congress passed, and President Biden signed into law, the American Rescue Plan, which provides over \$37 billion for emergency rental and mortgage assistance, nearly \$5 billion to help individuals experiencing homelessness, and \$4 billion to help Americans in need pay their utility bills. Nobody should be forced out on the street, or have their water or electricity turned off, during this crisis.**

**I have repeatedly urged congressional leadership and the Biden-Harris Administration to work together to protect people from unjust evictions and foreclosures, prevent utility shutoffs, and provide emergency rental assistance to families most at risk of experiencing housing instability or homelessness during the pandemic.**

While the national eviction moratorium expired on July 31, 2021, a new limited moratorium has been put in effect through October 3. Please know that I am doing everything in my power to pressure our government leaders to protect renters and homeowners and ensure that rental assistance properly reaches tenants and small landlords in need.

I am also encouraging at-risk Philadelphia renters and landlords to look into the city's rental assistance program immediately by visiting [www.PHLRentAssist.org](http://www.PHLRentAssist.org) or calling 311 or (215) 686-8686. For renters, the city's eviction diversion requirement runs through Aug. 31, 2021. Homeowners at risk of foreclosure should visit [www.consumerfinance.gov](http://www.consumerfinance.gov) immediately.

Our mission to secure housing for all must extend beyond just this pandemic. To combat the housing crisis, I have recently introduced my **'Housing Is Essential' Plan** to allocate more than \$63 billion in new federal affordable housing funding. This plan would ensure that housing becomes a right for all Americans by developing affordable housing, increasing funding for federal housing programs, expanding the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), creating a new renters' tax credit, providing assistance for home repairs, and increasing access to homeowner and renter resources. It is a top priority of mine to pass this plan into law, and I am working diligently to make safe, affordable housing available to every American.

I take this housing crisis very seriously and will do all that I can to protect Philadelphians against evictions and foreclosures. Housing is essential to wellbeing, and keeping constituents safely housed is my top priority. If you are in need of further assistance or have any questions, please reach out to my district office at (215) 276-0340 for help with any federal housing programs. If you have questions or concerns about specific housing-related legislation, please contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 225-4001.

If you are in need of immediate mortgage or housing assistance, I encourage you to visit the website of the [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](http://www.consumerfinance.gov), or call them at (855) 411-2372, to find out more about available options for mortgage and rent payment relief. If you have questions regarding public housing or the Housing Choice Voucher program in Philadelphia, please refer to the Philadelphia Housing Authority [here](#), or at (215) 684-4000. The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency's [website](#) also provides links to useful resources.

It is an incredible honor to be your representative in Congress. I take my role very seriously and want to hear from you about issues, concerns and solutions that are most important to you. To learn more about what I am working on for residents in Philadelphia, please subscribe to my [e-newsletter](#), stay connected with me online on my [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), and visit my [congressional website](#).

Sincerely,



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