

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to provide equitable  
2 funding to the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
3 Development for the operation of quality affordable housing.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's public housing authorities are  
5 essential in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to 90 public housing  
7 authorities serving an estimated 245,819 residents of the  
8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's public housing authorities provide  
10 high-quality affordable housing to residents in the Commonwealth  
11 of Pennsylvania through the use of Federal resources and  
12 programs; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's public housing authorities have  
14 successfully assisted residents of the Commonwealth of  
15 Pennsylvania with Moving to Work programs and preapprenticeship  
16 training, resulting in greater self-sufficiency and a reduced  
17 burden on Commonwealth resources; and

18 WHEREAS, Developments built by Pennsylvania's public housing

1 authorities have in some instances increased the values of  
2 neighboring properties and communities in the Commonwealth of  
3 Pennsylvania by as much as 142%; and

4 WHEREAS, New funding guidelines developed by the United  
5 States Department of Housing and Urban Development may result in  
6 reduced funding for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its public  
7 housing authorities and the Pennsylvanians who rely on these  
8 services; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's public housing authorities are a  
10 major employer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and funding  
11 cuts from the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
12 Development may result in drastic layoffs and diminished  
13 services to the residents of public housing; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
15 recognize the importance of the quality services, support and  
16 housing provided by Pennsylvania's public housing authorities  
17 and respectfully urge the Congress to provide equitable funding  
18 to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development  
19 for the operation of quality affordable housing; and be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
22 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each  
23 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.