
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, MAY 22, 2007

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 the residents in the
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the use of Federal
12 resources and 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 142%; and

4 WHEREAS, New funding guidelines developed by the United
5 States Department of Housing and Urban Development have resulted
6 in reduced funding for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its
7 public housing authorities and the Pennsylvanians who rely on
8 these 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 have resulted in drastic layoffs and diminished
13 services to the residents of public housing; therefore be it

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