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RE: Open Letter to Congress on Housing and Homelessness

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your letters regarding challenges related to housing affordability and homelessness.

The lack of affordable housing effects millions of Americans, particularly those in California. Since coming to Congress, I have supported funding for Housing Choice Vouchers, Homeless Assistance Grants, and other essential programs that help families access affordable housing and assist those experiencing homelessness.

Representative Lieu and I reintroduced the Housing for All Act, which would invest in new affordable housing options and help Californians experiencing homelessness. This year, I also reintroduced the Naomi Schwartz and Susan Rose Safe Parking Act. This bipartisan bill would allow federal dollars to be used to support local safe overnight parking programs that assist people living in their cars and help them transition to stable housing. In addition to the previously mentioned bills, Congresswoman Val Hoyle and I introduced the Decent, Affordable, Safe Housing for All (DASH) Act.

This legislation would create a new down payment tax credit for first-time homebuyers, expand and improve housing tax credits, incentivize the construction of more affordable housing, and support at-risk families with children by improving services and access to housing vouchers.

Affordable housing remains one of my top priorities. That is why I supported the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act, which would strengthen the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, an essential tool for developing affordable rental housing. Not to mention why I cosponsored the Ending Homelessness Act, which would transform the Housing Choice Voucher into a federal entitlement, so every qualifying household would receive assistance. Please know that I will keep your thoughts in mind as Congress considers legislation on affordable housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S.O. Carbajal".

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Member of Congress