



March 20, 2015

United States House of Representatives

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC) and the National Apartment Association (NAA), we are writing to urge support of H.R. 233, the “Tenant Income Verification Relief Act of 2015” introduced by Representatives Perlmutter (D-OH) and Stivers (R-OH). We appreciate the opportunity to share the views of the apartment industry on this important legislation which streamlines the Housing Choice Voucher and Project-Based programs.

For more than 20 years, the National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC) and the National Apartment Association (NAA) have partnered in a joint legislative program to provide a single voice for America's apartment industry. Our combined memberships are engaged in all aspects of the apartment industry, including ownership, development, management and finance. NMHC represents the principal officers of the apartment industry's largest and most prominent firms. As a federation of more than 170 state and local affiliates, NAA is comprised of over 67,000 members representing more than 7.6 million apartment homes throughout the United States and Canada. The combined spending by the apartment industry and its 36 million residents contributed \$1.3 trillion to the U.S. economy and supported 12.3 million jobs in 2013.

H.R. 233 significantly reduces administrative burdens by allowing for the recertification of rent and income to occur every three years rather than annually for those on fixed incomes. A large percentage of residents who participate in these programs are elderly and receive social security benefits or a pension. Implementation of H.R. 233 would allow resources for income reviews to focus on those households whose incomes are subject to change.

On behalf of the NMHC and NAA we urge you to support the passage of H.R. 233, the “Tenant Income Verification Relief Act of 2015.” We look forward to working with you to create a housing system that ensures our continued ability to meet the housing needs of today's 37 million Americans building their lives in apartments.

Sincerely,

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