NOW EFFORTS TO OPPOSE THE FEDERAL EVICTION MORATORIUM BUILD

The National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC) has announced new initiatives to stop the extension of the federal eviction moratorium. The White House has said it is considering another 30-day extension of the ban on evictions of tenants who cannot pay rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A record number of U.S. counties now have eviction moratoriums in place. NMHC is urging members to call their legislators, write letters and sign petitions in support of the Ohioan Right-to-Hire Act, which would prohibit local governments from enforcing eviction moratoriums. NMHC is also encouraging members to contact their state legislature and call on them to stop the extension of local eviction moratoriums. This petition asks Congress to end the current eviction moratorium. A new House bill, HR 5257, was recently introduced by Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA). It would require any extension of the eviction moratorium to be approved by Congress. A Senate companion bill has not been introduced. NMHC is urging members to contact their congressional representatives and ask them to support HR 5257.

FAIR MARKET RENTS (FMRs) ARE USED TO DETERMINE PAYMENT STANDARD AMOUNTS FOR THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Fair Market Rents (FMRs) are used to determine payment standard amounts for the Housing Choice Voucher program, to determine initial rents for housing assistance payment (HAP) contracts. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced on July 30 that it is revising its methodology for calculating FMRs. The new methodology will be used to calculate FMRs for fiscal year 2022. HUD is seeking public comments on the proposed changes. Comments are due by September 3, 2021. NMHC is urging members to submit comments. The new methodology will be used to calculate FMRs for fiscal year 2022. HUD is seeking public comments on the proposed changes. Comments are due by September 3, 2021. NMHC is urging members to submit comments.

THE SENATE PASSED A $550 BILLION INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN IN BIDEN WIN

The Senate passed a $550 billion infrastructure plan that would represent the biggest burst of spending on U.S. public works in decades, sending the legislation to the House where its fate is in the hands of the fractious Democratic caucus. The Senate voted 73-26 on Thursday to pass the bill, which would fund highway and transit projects, boost rail and broadband networks and provide billions of dollars for water and other public works projects. The House has not yet taken up the bill, which is expected to face opposition from Republicans. The Senate vote is a key victory for President Joe Biden, who has made infrastructure a key part of his economic agenda. The legislation is the result of months of negotiation between Senate Democrats and Republicans. It includes funding for a number of public works projects, including roads, bridges, tunnels and transit systems. The legislation also includes funding for broadband and other digital infrastructure projects. The Senate vote is a key victory for President Joe Biden, who has made infrastructure a key part of his economic agenda. The legislation is the result of months of negotiation between Senate Democrats and Republicans. It includes funding for a number of public works projects, including roads, bridges, tunnels and transit systems. The legislation also includes funding for broadband and other digital infrastructure projects.