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Dear Habitat Supporter

With the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, individuals and families are facing both a public health and an economic crisis. Many of us are looking for a way to help while also sheltering at home. **I am contacting you today to ask for your support by participating in an advocacy effort online - right now, from your own home.**

As you may know, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was recently passed, providing \$2T in economic relief during the COVID-19 pandemic. Habitat Santa Barbara applauds members of Congress for taking this important step to support individuals and small businesses during this time of economic hardship.

In any crisis, it is usually those with the least who are harmed the most. As we approach the end of the month, millions of families who have lost income will soon face the impossible decision of making rent or keeping food on the table. The steps Congress has taken so far are steps in the right direction, but more must be done. We need our national leaders to prioritize housing and enable our continued work to serve our community.

At a high-level, the approved legislation includes the following provisions that we believe will help our community in terms of housing stability:

- Assistance for nonprofits
- Direct assistance to households
- Stabilization for homeowners
- New housing appropriations

Habitat Santa Barbara is asking its supporters to send a message to their senators and representatives to continue to prioritize support for low-income families and nonprofit organizations. Something you can do right now to help our community is to thank your members of Congress for taking these bold steps, while also telling them we need to go further to ensure families are stably housed and nonprofits can support their communities. **[Click here to help us right now.](#)**

We will continue to advocate for housing stability in our local community and throughout the state, as we navigate through these uncertain times. We hope that you and your family are healthy and if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to our staff.

Warm Regards,

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