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The Honorable John Thune

Majority Leader

U.S. Senate

Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer

Minority Leader

U.S. Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the National NeighborWorks Association (NNA), I write in strong support of the Scott-Warren Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century ROAD to Housing Act, to H.R. 6644. NNA represents nearly 250 NeighborWorks America-chartered nonprofits, serving communities in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and Tribal lands. We advocate on behalf of these community-based organizations, which provide affordable housing development, lending, homeownership counseling, and community revitalization services across urban, rural, and tribal communities nationwide.

Our network works on the front lines of the housing crisis every day, and we see the supply shortage in real time. It is the working family priced out of homeownership; the senior trying to remain in a longtime home; or the essential worker commuting farther each year because housing near opportunity is simply unavailable. The supply gap is not abstract for us. It is showing up in our members' service areas in every state, in our lending pipelines, and in our development work across urban, rural, and tribal communities.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century ROAD to Housing Act reflects the kind of thoughtful, bipartisan leadership this moment requires. Chairman Tim Scott and Ranking Member Elizabeth Warren deserve real credit for bringing forward a serious, comprehensive response to address housing supply and affordability. Their work demonstrates that expanding housing opportunities can and should be common ground.

This legislation modernizes and strengthens key federal programs, removes unnecessary barriers that delay development, improves financing tools, and helps communities build and preserve more housing

that people can actually afford. It recognizes that outdated processes and rigid structures slow progress and offers practical reforms that empower local organizations to act.

NeighborWorks organizations are mission-driven lenders, developers, counselors, and community builders. When federal policy provides clarity and flexibility, our network can move quickly and responsibly. When programs are modernized and aligned with today's market realities, we can leverage private capital, philanthropic investment, and local partnerships to stretch every federal dollar further.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century ROAD to Housing Act takes meaningful steps toward restoring balance in the housing market by expanding supply, strengthening affordability tools, and ensuring communities have the resources they need to respond to growing demand.

The housing challenges facing families across the country demand action, and this bill represents important progress. We applaud the bipartisan leadership that has advanced this legislation and urge its swift passage.

We stand ready to work with you and your colleagues to ensure its successful enactment and implementation.

Sincerely,



Lou Tisler  
Executive Director

CC: Chairman Tim Scott  
Ranking Member Elizabeth Warren