

NATIONAL HOUSING EMERGENCY ACT OF 2026

Section 1. Bill is titled National Housing Emergency Act of 2026.

Section 2. Congress calls on the President to declare a national housing emergency by using the Defense Production Act to boost domestically produced materials to support the construction and rehabilitation of housing.

Section 3. Congress finds that the nation's low housing stock weakens economic security and compromises our national security.

Section 4. Amends the Defense Production Act to allow the President to direct domestic industries to produce essential materials and services to speed up housing development and rehabilitation.

Section 5. Immediately waives burdensome regulations at the federal level that stand in the way of housing development and rehabilitation and streamlines HUD's Build America, Buy America waiver process.

Section 6. Ensures additional units constructed during the emergency do not result in poor quality housing by establishing a minimum residential code standard for all homes built or rehabbed during the emergency.

Section 7. Applies a Pro-Growth Requirement as a condition for all federal formula block grants to states, counties, and localities. To meet the condition, governments must demonstrate positive housing growth, take action to remove zoning barriers to housing development, and identify objectives for future housing growth.

Section 8. Prohibits any state, county, or municipality from implementing or enforcing any law, rule, regulation, or standard imposes a substantial burden on the construction or rehabilitation of residential housing during the period of the emergency.

Section 9. Terminates the emergency October 2031 or after 4 million additional residential housing units are constructed or rehabilitated.