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**CONGRESSMAN MIKE FLOOD (R-NE) RECEIVES CONGRESSIONAL CHAMPION AWARD FROM  
THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

*Washington, DC, February 26, 2026*

*The award was presented at the National Community Development Association's Winter Meeting in recognition of Congressman Flood's support for affordable housing and community development programs. His leadership has been instrumental in advancing legislative improvements to the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. These efforts have made the programs more workable for local government grantees, helping communities address housing needs more effectively.*

**Washington, D.C.** – On February 5, 2026, the National Community Development Association (NCDCA) honored Congressman Mike Flood (R-NE), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, with the “Congressional Champion” award for his dedication to affordable housing and community development initiatives. His transformative legislative efforts are providing local governments with greater flexibility to build and preserve affordable housing.

*“Over the last year, the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee has been working hard to deliver the first significant improvements to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program since it was created by the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act. As the Chairman of the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee, it's an honor to receive this recognition for the hard work being done by our members. Throughout our process, the National Community Development Association has been there every step of the way, and we appreciate your continued partnership as we work to address America's housing affordability crisis.”*

The National Community Development Association (NCDCA) expresses gratitude to Congressman Mike Flood for his significant role in shaping the Housing for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act. Congressman Flood's legislative efforts include the HOME Reform Act of 2025, which serves as the foundation for the HOME program reforms incorporated into the bill. Additionally, his work on the Unleashing Needed Local Options to Construct and Keep Housing (UNLOCK) Act is instrumental in expanding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, enabling new construction of affordable housing as an eligible activity. These contributions reflect Congressman Flood's commitment to advancing affordable housing initiatives and providing local governments with greater flexibility to address housing needs.

“The National Community Development Association expresses its sincere appreciation for Congressman Mike Flood’s unwavering commitment to advancing affordable housing and strengthening community development,” said Vicki Watson, Executive Director of NCDA. “His leadership and legislative efforts have resulted in meaningful reforms that empower local governments to better serve their residents. We couldn’t be more grateful for his contributions.”

**About Rep. Mike Flood**

Rep. Mike Flood represents Nebraska’s 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Flood serves on the House Financial Services Committee and chairs the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance which oversees matters related to affordable housing and community development initiatives.

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*The National Community Development Association (NCDA) is a non-partisan national nonprofit association comprised of more than 500 local government agencies across the country that administer HUD resources, principally the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program. NCDA is an association of people committed to assisting local governments achieve high-quality, responsive programs for building thriving communities.*