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NCDA Applauds Enactment of Landmark Bipartisan Affordable Housing Legislation

Washington, DC – On Saturday, July 11, the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act was automatically enacted into law. This occurred after President Trump took no action to either sign or veto the bill by the deadline of July 10. The legislation, passed by both the Senate and House with significant margins of 85-5 and 358-32, respectively, marks a significant milestone for housing policy.

Support for this legislation represents an urgent and widespread demand for housing affordability and accessibility across the U.S. This bill is designed to address the housing crisis by increasing housing supply, reducing regulatory barriers to development, modernizing existing housing programs, strengthening disaster recovery efforts, and providing local communities with additional tools and competitive grants.

“This landmark bipartisan legislation is a meaningful step toward addressing the housing affordability challenges facing communities nationwide,” said Vicki Watson, Executive Director of NCDA. “By strengthening core programs such as CDBG, CDBG-DR, and HOME, and by giving local governments additional tools to expand housing supply and support resilient communities, Congress has advanced practical solutions that will help communities respond to urgent needs today while planning for long-term stability.”

NCDA commends Representative French Hill (R-AR), Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, for introducing this legislation which combined several bills into a comprehensive housing package. NCDA also recognizes the work of Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA), Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Committee, Senator Tim Scott (R-SC), Chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, and Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) Ranking Member of the Committee,

in facilitating the bipartisan, bicameral support of this bill. The final version retains much of what each chamber previously approved, while simultaneously reflecting compromises on both sides.

The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act includes several NCDA priorities regarding the CDBG, CDBG-DR, and HOME programs. These include the addition of new construction as an eligible CDBG activity, a three-year codification of the CDBG-DR program, the first major HOME update in decades, and the authorization of numerous new grant and pilot programs to support local governments and regional entities in development activities. NCDA celebrates the passage of this landmark legislation as it reflects years of congressional work, stakeholder input, and advocacy from national organizations, including NCDA.

About NCDA

NCDA is a non-partisan national nonprofit association comprised of more than 500 local governments across the country that administer federally – supported community development, affordable housing, and economic development programs through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). NCDA members administer HUD Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs – CDBG, HOME, Homeless Assistance Grants, and HOPWA.

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