

(Date)

The Honorable _____

U.S. House of Representatives/ U.S. Senate

Dear Representative/Senator _____.

On behalf of (Organization). I would like to thank you for your commitment to ending homelessness and for enacting the HEARTH Act last year, which reauthorized HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program. Please continue to show your support for this program by asking the leaders of both the Budget Committee and the Appropriations Committee to provide the necessary funding level of \$2.4 billion-a 28 percent increase over last year's level-for HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants in FY 2011. We would also like to invite you to visit our program when you are in town over the February or March Congressional recess to personally witness why these programs end homelessness for people in you district.

The HEARTH Act changes the way funds are allocated and increases funding for homelessness prevention, assistance to families with children, and rural programs. However, without a funding level of \$2.4 billion to pay for these activities, (City or town) will likely get little to no funding for new projects in FY 2011.

Add a few talking points here that describe how the increase in funding will help with existing programs or for new projects

HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants are critical to our ability to make progress in preventing and ending homelessness in (City/State). **We hope we can count on you to sign a Congressional letter regarding this appropriations request, which we expect to begin circulating in early February**

Sincerely