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April 9, 2008

To Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The undersigned urge you to support the inclusion of H.R. 2091 as part of the comprehensive tax package to be considered this week by the House Committee on Ways and Means that will address a broad range of issues facing the housing market. H.R. 2091, introduced by Reps. Sander Levin and Phil English and cosponsored by numerous members of the Committee, allows Federal Home Loan Banks, like other Government Sponsored Enterprises, to provide credit support for tax-exempt bonds.

H.R. 2091 is important part of the overall Congressional response to the sub-prime mortgage crisis which has spawned problems in the credit markets squeezing home owners, home buyers, and the entire housing industry, as well as the financial markets generally.

We urge your strong support for this legislation.

Sincerely,

Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA)  
Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA)  
National League of Cities (NLC)  
National Association of Counties (NACO)  
The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM)  
National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT)  
Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA)  
Council of FHLBanks  
Council of Development Finance Authorities (CDFA)  
National Association of Development Organizations (NADO)  
National Association for County Community and Economic Development (NACCED)  
National Association of Health and Educational Facilities Finance Authorities (NAHEFFA)  
American Hospital Association (AHA)