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Dear Capitol Hill Day Participants,

On behalf of everyone at the Alliance, we would like to thank you for your leadership in making sure that your Senators and Representatives are informed about the issue of homelessness and its solutions, as well as the progress being made in your community. By attending congressional visits while you are here in DC and participating in federal advocacy, you are helping to improve federal policies that can benefit hundreds of thousands of people.

Despite strong economic headwinds in recent years, we have made impressive progress. We have created momentum in the movement to end homelessness while increasing our understanding and implementation of key strategies to quickly respond to people's housing crises and connect them to shelter, housing, and services. This week, we will share these successes and strategies with each other in order to expand our learnings, and we will pass key updates and asks along to our Members of Congress to help secure the resources necessary to end homelessness in America.

This packet includes all of the tools you will need to ensure that your congressional visits are as productive as possible. It contains advocacy-related materials for you (such as a sample agenda for Hill meetings and suggested talking points) and information regarding the Capitol Hill Day Policy Priorities (a set of issues that Congress is currently considering related to ending homelessness). The latter documents (on white paper, not colored paper) can be left behind with congressional offices after your meetings. For additional information on the policy issues, how to participate in congressional visits with other people from your state, and how to help us deliver a "pop-up house" to each Hill office, please stop by the Capitol Hill Day Table in the Advocacy Hub, where Alliance staff will be available to assist you. In addition, do not forget to attend your state's State Prep Session, the details of which are posted in the Advocacy Hub.

We very much look forward to catching up with you this week and continuing to work together in the future. In order to truly end homelessness, particularly in this tight budget and partisan political environment, we must continue to educate Congress on solutions to the problem, key policies impacting efforts to prevent and end homelessness, and your noteworthy successes. Your work with the Members of Congress you will visit this week is critical to achieving our shared goal of reaching the day when no man, woman, or child is homeless.

Sincerely,

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