



STATEMENT

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## **Statement by the National Alliance to End Homelessness on the White House Council on Eliminating Barriers to Affordable Housing Development**

The National Alliance to End Homelessness is pleased that the Trump Administration has acknowledged the need to act on the nation's affordable housing crisis. The lack of affordable housing has a crippling effect on the nation's well-being, and is the primary cause of homelessness.

By working to remove unnecessary regulations surrounding the development of housing that American households can afford, the White House Council on Eliminating Barriers to Affordable Housing Development can confront one factor that has driven up the cost of housing. We applaud efforts to remove unnecessary, ill-advised, and discriminatory regulations.

Not all regulations are needless, misguided, or discriminatory, however. Many are essential to the development of housing that is affordable, safe, and located in communities of opportunity. We look forward to working with the Council to identify those regulations that can be eliminated to improve housing conditions for those most in need.

"Reversing the nation's affordable housing crisis and halting the growth of homelessness will require a robust, sustained, and sophisticated effort. Removing needless regulation is one strategy, but it cannot be the only one," said Nan Roman, President and CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness. "We strongly encourage the Council to boost the federal government's critically important roles in supporting tenants with much needed rental assistance, protecting their rights, and financing the development of more housing they can afford."

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