

# TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE DEMOCRATS



## FISCAL YEAR 2026 FACT SHEET

Americans are burdened with the high cost of living, unable to afford homes, and facing unreliable transportation. House Republicans are making these problems worse by slashing affordable housing, increasing evictions, and cutting investments in our transportation systems. House Republican's 2026 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies bill ignores rising costs and walks away from investments in commuter rail and Amtrak while stripping away housing protections for the middle class, the working class, and vulnerable Americans. Instead of helping families find a home and make ends meet, Republicans are making it more difficult for hardworking people to get by.

### Fails to Lower the Cost of Living, Damages Our Economy

- Makes the cost-of-living crisis worse by eliminating the sole Federal program dedicated to building new affordable rental and homeownership housing, while stripping all investments in the PRO Housing program, which helps mayors and governors fund locally driven solutions to cut red tape and expand affordable housing and transit-oriented development.
- Strips opportunities for families to build wealth and achieve homeownership by eliminating Housing Counseling assistance for thousands of housing counselors who educate potential homebuyers on how to successfully achieve and leverage homeownership, in addition to eliminating all investments for legal assistance for eviction prevention despite an 18 percent surge in homelessness nationwide.
- Makes it more difficult for Americans to find and stay in affordable housing or own a home by threatening to push nearly 415,000 households off of HUD assistance or face eviction.
- Eliminates funding that reduces the harms imposed by lead-based paint hazards in public housing in nearly 700,000 low-income housing units at risk of lead exposures.

### Increases Congestion on Roads, Walks Away from Investments in Rail and Bus Infrastructure

- Cuts critical investments in commuter rail, bus infrastructure, and Amtrak operations, resulting in the loss of thousands of future jobs, service cuts, delays to station improvements and advancements in the safety and reliability of our passenger and freight rail systems.
- Makes it more difficult for Americans to commute to work by gutting transit capital investment grants, a 98 percent cut from 2025, halting projects intended to eliminate transportation deserts and improve subways, bus rapid transit, corridors, and related transportation infrastructure across the country.
- Kicks the can down the road on multi-year investments already underway that improve the safety of Amtrak railways, stations, bridges, and tunnels.

### Strips Away Fair Access to Housing and Community Development Investments

- Walks away from enforcement of longstanding civil rights laws that protect housing choice for most Americans, by gutting Fair Housing Activities programs by 67 percent, including people with disabilities who account for 53 percent of individuals filing discrimination complaints. This would come at a time when less than 5 percent of America's housing is accessible, and over 60 million Americans have a disability, including a disproportionate number of Black Americans, veterans, seniors, and Tribal communities.