***We need your voice! Use the below template to email your elected officials about the importance of prioritizing the regional housing targets. Remember, you can find your elected official’s contact information on your jurisdiction’s scorecard here:*** [***hit.handhousing.org***](https://hit.handhousing.org/)

*[ELECTED OFFICIAL NAME]*

*[ELECTED ADDRESS LINE 1]*

*[ELECTED ADDRESS LINE 2]*

*RE: An Important Reminder on our Regional Housing Targets*

*Dear [ELECTED OFFICIAL NAME],*

*My name is [YOUR NAME] and I am a resident of [NEIGHBORHOOD] in [JURISDICTION]. I love living in this region, and everyday I’m amazed at how much growth we’re experiencing, but I’m very concerned about the supply of affordable housing available for my neighbors and I. I understand that in September 2019, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government’s (COG) Board of Directors adopted a resolution which established collective housing targets for the region. Around the same time, the Urban Institute released a report which underscored the importance of government, business, nonprofit, and philanthropic leaders working collectively towards shared targets, committing to evidence-based actions to achieve a healthy housing market, and ensuring that the housing market supports economic prosperity for all of its residents. I commend you and your colleagues for championing these targets, which are so urgently needed in our jurisdictions.*

*Thousands of individuals are flocking to our communities for employment opportunities, aging seniors are in desperate need of housing that fits within their limited budgets, and everyday hard-working people like you and I are struggling to keep their heads above the waters of rising rent. I urge you to keep the housing targets as a priority for our jurisdiction by working with your colleagues to allocate the appropriate funding and strengthening the public policy necessary to meet our goals.*

*[JURISDICTION NAME] has a number of tools at its disposal as we work toward these targets, and with the help of resources like the Housing Indicator Tool, we have the ability to learn from other communities and track our progress on producing and preserving housing. Our communities have so much to offer, and safe, affordable housing located near transit should be considered a right, and not a luxury. Thank you in advance for your dedication to this matter, and I look forward to a more equitable, inclusive jurisdiction for years to come.*

*Sincerely,*

*[YOUR NAME]*