As we enter this holiday season thousands of families in Illinois live in uncertainty about where they and their families will call home in the New Year. Meanwhile legislation that would provide $1 billion for the National Housing Trust Fund awaits congressional action.

Please call your representative and senators today and tomorrow. 1-877-210-5351 is the toll free number for the congressional switchboard. Ask to be connected to the housing staffer at your senators' or representative's office. You can also visit www.congress.org to find your representatives.

Tell them you want at least $1 billion for the National Housing Trust Fund before Congress adjourns later in December. Let them know that a $1 billion investment in the NHTF at $100,000 per unit of housing will create 15,100 construction jobs and 3,800 jobs in ongoing operations. Also, the NHTF will support local economies as low income families can afford to spend more money on goods and services when they are not spending half or more of their income on housing.

Our goal is to create an early-December blizzard of phone calls to demonstrate strong and urgent support for an initial infusion of money for the NHTF. Together we can impact our elected officials.

Please take action today! Pass this message on to your networks and call your elected official to help provide homes and jobs in 2010.

For more information about the National Housing Trust Fund or other federal policy issues, call Rachel Johnston at 312-663-3936.