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The Honorable Judy Biggert Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing, and Community Opportunity Committee on Financial Services United States House of Representatives 2113 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Biggert:

The 1.1 million members of the National Association of REALTORS[®] are writing to thank you for introducing H.R. 32, the "Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2011." This bill will ensure that children, who are verified by school or other program officials, can be defined as homeless. Current estimates are that 39% of the national homeless population is children.

H.R. 32 will amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to redefine "homeless," so as to include children. This will allow them to obtain the same housing benefits as other homeless individuals under the law.

The National Association of REALTORS[®] thanks you for this legislation, which will help protect a vulnerable population that needs our help.

Sincerely,

Maurice "Moe" Veissi 2012 President, National Association of REALTORS[®]



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