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The Honorable Maxine Waters
Chairwoman
U.S. House Committee on
Financial Services
2221 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patrick McHenry
Ranking Member
U.S. House Committee on
Financial Services
2004 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairwoman Waters and Ranking Member McHenry:

The 1.3 million members of the National Association of REALTORS® urge support for H.R. 1690, the “Safe Housing for Families Act of 2019,” introduced by Rep. Garcia (D-IL). This bill will require carbon monoxide detectors to be placed in all federally-assisted housing units.

HUD’s housing stock, in partnership with private owners, is critical in the work to meet the housing needs of American families. While more than 96% of federally-assisted units are in decent, safe and sanitary condition, safety risks can never be ignored. According to the Centers for Disease Control, over 10,000 people seek medical treatment and more than 438 lives are lost annually to carbon monoxide poisoning. While many states and localities already require carbon monoxide detectors, it is important to ensure properties with HUD programs are safe for all residents.

We support H.R. 1690, and urge the Committee to move it to the Floor.

Sincerely,

John Smaby
2019 President, National Association of REALTORS®

cc: Congressman Jesús G. “Chuy” García



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