

Rental Housing Issues

NAR Advocacy Resources & Information

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Rental housing issues are a hot topic among policymakers, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its attendant eviction moratoria and rent freezes, the housing supply shortage for those looking to buy, and a dramatic increase in inflation. NAR knows the importance of available and affordable rental housing for future homeowners, and also understands the complicated system of rights and responsibilities that housing providers and their residents have toward each other, governed by the lease contract and state and local regulations which are enforced by the judicial system. The federal government does also have a role in rental housing, in the form of its many grants and programs to support affordable rental housing for low-income residents, such as the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program.

NAR supports improvements to these programs and reducing barriers to new construction, and opposes federal overreach which will needlessly complicate the existing patchwork of laws and regulations.

NAR provides resources and information to state and local REALTOR® associations to aid them in their advocacy against policies that threaten property rights, such as rent control, and in support of solutions to the affordable housing shortage.

Here you will find NAR resources and information on renters' issues, including research papers, advocacy work, and resources for state and local associations:

- [Rent Control Hot Topic Alert](#)
- [Rent Control FOCUS page](#)
- [Rent Control White Paper](#)
- [July 2022 Housing Provider Coalition Letter to White House on Renters' Bill of Rights Meeting](#)
- [June 2022 NAR Letter to White House on Renters' Bill of Rights Meeting](#)
- [June 3, 2022 NAR Washington Report: NAR Advocates for Housing Providers with Administration Officials](#)
- [May 2022 NAR Research Report: Impact of Institutional Buyers on Home Sales and Single-Family Rentals](#)
- [March 2022 Coalition support letter for H.R.6880, "The Choice in Affordable Housing Act" \(Section 8 reform\)](#)
- [NAR Support letter for S. 1821 "The Choice in Affordable Housing Act" \(Section 8 reform\)](#)
- [May 2021 Coalition support letter for S.1821 "The Choice in Affordable Housing Act" \(Section 8 reform\)](#)

