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SAMPLE SCRIPT

1. First identify yourself as a constituent and ask to speak to the legislator or staffer that deals with housing. Once you are on the phone with the specific party, thank them for meeting with you, and then tell the staffer where you are from. If your job permits it, mention what you do and how it relates to affordable housing.
 - a. Example: "Hi, thanks so much for talking with me today. My name is Vicki Brown and I am from Auburn, MA. I work for an affordable housing coalition in the state, and our mission is to ensure that everyone in the state has access to safe, decent and affordable housing."
2. Then state: "There is a shortage of affordable rental housing in **your district** (the legislator's district) and in every community around the country." (For housing data, see www.nlihc.org/library/CDP). "This shortage slows economic growth, reduces mobility, drives up healthcare costs, and traps families and communities in poverty."
3. "The shortage is the direct result of underfunded federal housing programs that don't meet the national need. As a country, we must invest more in programs that make housing affordable for all members of our community."
4. "I am concerned about President Trump's budget proposal for FY19 because it would put hundreds of thousands of families at risk of homelessness and would hurt every community in our country."
5. "Please reject (or ask the legislator to reject) President Trump's budget proposal, and instead work with your colleagues (have the legislator work with their colleagues) to increase investment in HUD and USDA Rural Development programs."
6. "Do you support (does the legislator support) full funding for HUD programs?"
7. "Thank you for your time and your service. Would you like me to send any follow up information?"

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