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**By Thursday, July 25, 2024, PLEASE email the Conference Committee for the Affordable Homes Act** to respectfully request that they include language from the Senate's language to **allow for sealing eviction records** in certain situations, at certain times AND to include the House's language to establish the **MA Healthy Homes Program** with \$50 million in bond authorization.

**Using this email template:**

- Send this email **on your own time, from your personal email** *unless* you are representing your employer.
- Use some or all of the template below, filling in the **highlighted** blanks
- Send the **email to all six members** of the Conference Committee:
  - Representative James Arciero
  - Representative Aaron Michlewitz
  - Representative David DeCoste
  - Senator Lydia Edwards
  - Senator William Brownsberger
  - Senator Peter Durantand bcc PHIWM.
- Questions? Text/Call Andrea Freeman, PHIWM's Policy Director, 978-895-0960, [afreeman@publichealthwm.org](mailto:afreeman@publichealthwm.org)

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- **CC:** **<<Your State Senator>>**; **<<Your State Rep>>** (Not sure of their name?)
- **BCC:** [afreeman@publichealthwm.org](mailto:afreeman@publichealthwm.org)
- **Subject:** Please include eviction record sealing and the MA Healthy Homes Program
- **Message:**

Dear Dear Senators Edwards, Brownsberger & Durant and Representatives Arciero, Michlewitz & DeCoste,

Thank you for your work to finalize the Affordable Homes Act ([S.2850](#) and [H. 4707](#)) to help address the housing crisis in the Commonwealth. I applaud the historic levels of investment to build new homes and restore older ones so that more people can have safe, healthy, affordable homes and fewer people are living on the streets or in other horrible conditions.

As this Conference Committee reconciles the two versions of the housing bond bill, I respectfully ask that you **include these two provisions:**

1. **From the Senate bill**, please include language to **allow for sealing eviction records** in certain situations, at certain times. (*Section 66, S.2850*)  
Currently, a MA tenant can do NOTHING to seal an eviction record, *even if they did nothing wrong, won the case, or paid off any rent due*. Section 66 in S.2850 is a critical first step to removing the barrier to finding a new home. It will also provide the court the discretion to handle petitions administratively, which will reduce the administrative burden on the court. An automatic sealing process in certain types of cases such as dismissals and

cases that tenants win, would further reduce the burden on the court. [\[Fact sheet\]](#)

2. **From the House bill**, please include the language and \$50m for the **MA Healthy Homes Program** (7004-0093; Section 34, line 1256-1333; Section 115, lines 3825-3836)

In addition to building new, affordable homes, we must make the existing older homes healthier and suitable for families. Most of Massachusetts' homes were built before the 1978 ban of lead-based paint and to this day, tens of thousands of these homes have yet to be remediated. We need the MA Healthy Homes Program to better coordinate existing home repair programs and to leverage other funding sources. The grants and loans could be used to remove asbestos, mold, pests, and lead, and to prepare homes for renewable energy systems. [\[Fact sheet\]](#)

Thank you for considering my requests.

Sincerely,

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