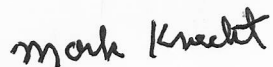


March 3, 2017

Dear committee members of Housing bill 2004, co-chair Representative Keny Guer

Hi there my name is Mark Knecht .I am an advocate for people with disabilities and veterans, and I have been involved in prison fellowship for over 20 years. After the ex-felon have done their time, they need a place to live. The federal government has got to do more to help people with housing .What we have found in this community, is that there is no place for ex-felons to live. Groceries, utilities and the water and sewer goes up, rent goes up. The federal government has not put enough into HUD for people on fixed incomes. Not enough money in to HUD housing. There should be a clause in this bill regarding people on fixed incomes because we pay 30 to 60% of our income on housing. It is getting harder and harder for us people on fixed incomes, to find affordable housing. The federal government can not build affordable housing fast enough to keep up with supply and demand. I support the housing bill 2004.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Knecht". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mark Knecht