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Mr. President. Thank you. And you made it very clear that you wanted to put America first and also from day one you wanted to make housing affordable again. Because we do have a housing affordability crisis in our country.

And so at HUD we've been cutting all the red tape and bureaucracy as it pertains to housing affordability and unleashing creativity of our builders and developers around our country and restoring local control. We took down the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule, as you know, which was a zoning tax from Washington. So no longer will Washington be picking winners and losers, but localities and elected officials in different states and cities will have that flexibility.

Also you alluded to securing the border and such a great job has been done with all of our partners at the table and at HUD we want to make sure that the resources that we have now, which is American taxpayer dollars in the Biden administration, they prioritized illegal aliens over the American people. And so we signed an MOU with Secretary Noem at DHS to make sure that HUD funded housing only goes to American citizens and no longer will it go to illegal aliens coming across our border. We have about 9 million people living in subsidized housing in our country. 59% of illegal alien families use some sort of welfare program costing us \$42 billion a year. And so we have prioritized American and American people only to live in HUD funded housing.

And also to make housing affordable We also signed a partnership with Secretary Burgum at DOI to use underutilized federal lands as you campaigned on and promised to identify those lands, to build affordable housing in our country so that people can realize the American dream.

We also restore biological truth as you did in sports. We have the Equal Access Rule at HUD which we took that rule down to ensure that at women shelters that those that enter those shelters would be of the same sex and that we would protect the ladies of our country. No longer will those that identify as women but are not women be able to enter our shelter so we can protect the ladies that we serve.

Along with our DOGE task force we identified over \$2 billion in savings at HUD. \$260 million at HUD were just in contract 4 million with DEI. And so we took those contracts down and de-obligated and sent back \$1.9 billion back to the Treasury for the American people.

Again. We want to be good stewards over the American taxpayer dollars. And so Mr. President, thank you for your leadership in this. And we have a tremendous team at HUD. And I'm so grateful to be part of this team around this table to take care of the American people. And I consider it a great honor and humble to do so."