

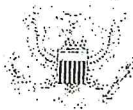
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Dear friend,

I hope this finds you and your loved ones healthy during this challenging time.

This past December, my colleagues and I passed a \$1.4 trillion fiscal year 2021 omnibus spending bill, of which nearly \$900 billion was directed towards coronavirus relief. Included in this comprehensive package was \$25 billion in emergency rental assistance for Americans who lost their jobs and are struggling to pay rent as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today, the Connecticut Department of Housing launched UniteCT – the online program that will process applications from landlords and tenants to distribute \$235 million in much-needed rental and utility payment assistance across qualified Connecticut households. To be eligible, a renter household must have one or more individuals who satisfy the following criteria:

- Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19;
- Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
- Has a household income at or below 80% of the HUD Area Median Income (AMI)

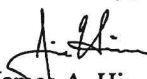
Importantly, the program allows landlords to apply on behalf of tenants, so long as the landlord secures a tenant's signature, which can be obtained digitally. To learn more about the Emergency Rental Assistance Program authorized by Congress, visit the U.S. Department of the Treasury's website. For help applying to UniteCT, please call 1-844-UniteCT (864-8328) or email DOH-UniteCT@ct.gov.

Should your household or any others need additional support, there are numerous organizations committed to providing services to help stabilize Connecticut's economy:

- **United Way's 211 Infoline shares a variety of resources**
 - Website: www.211ct.org
 - Phone: 211 or 1-800-203-1234
- **Statewide Legal Services (SLS) shares legal resources**
 - Website: <https://apply.slscct.org/>
 - Phone: 800-453-3320
- **American Job Center shares employment services**
 - Website: <https://portal.ct.gov/ajc>
 - Phone: 203-455-2700
- **Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI)**
 - Website: www.cirict.org
 - Phone: 203-612-5464

I kindly request you share the contents of this letter with those you serve. If you have further questions about federal relief for homeowners and renters, please do not hesitate to call my Bridgeport office at (203) 333-6600.

Sincerely,


James A. Himes
Member of Congress



UniteCT

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR CONNECTICUT'S ECONOMY

Have you been financially impacted by COVID-19?



Are you struggling to pay your rent and utilities?

Apply for UniteCT, a rental assistance program supporting CT residents who earn up to 80% of the HUD Area Median Income and their landlords.

You may qualify for the opportunity to receive...

- ✓ Missed electric outstanding payments
- ✓ Missed rent or future rent payments

To learn more and see if you qualify, visit:



www.bit.ly/UniteCT

scan QR code:

