



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Thank you for inviting me to address the 2015 Bridging the Gap Building Housing Partnerships Annual Conference.

As you might imagine these first few months have kept me focused on familiarizing myself with the nuances of Washington D.C. and establishing offices and personnel to properly serve Montana. Affordable housing is a great challenge, not only in Montana, but across the nation. We are all neighbors and the Mountain Plains NAHRO will set a foundation for increased affordable housing and strong viable communities so all Americans are afforded the chance to climb the ladder of opportunity.

Please be assured that I will do everything possible to be your voice in Washington D.C. and Montana when important issues relating to affordable housing arise. Last night the U.S. House passed H.R. 2577 providing appropriations to HUD for Management and Administration, Program Office Salaries and Expenses, Public and Indian Housing Programs, Community Planning and Development, Housing Counseling Assistance, the Federal Housing Administration, the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), Policy Development and Research, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, and the Office of Inspector General.

Montana deserves the very best from their elected representative and I pledge to work diligently to serve you. I ask for your help in keeping me and my staff informed on issues such as affordable housing and community development programs. We need to work together to continue making local investments in the community so having a safe, reliable, and affordable housing is a reality for all Americans.

Again, thank you very much for inviting me to speak today and please do not hesitate to keep in touch with me through our state offices. Thank you once again for affording me this opportunity.

In God We Trust,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Zinke".

Congressman Ryan Zinke