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Subject: affordable housing

Hello Ms Muller,

I so hope that you can have real impact in addressing the need for truly affordable and desirable housing for the men and women in our communities who supply so many of our essential services.

It seems to me that a commonsense approach would be to look at what the housing options are currently for this population that is in the bottom half of income earners. I think you will find that it is substandard in almost every respect.

Then, rather than demanding that any new housing stock that would be provided must meet the same standards as new housing for the upper income earners, how about seeking some middle ground in areas such as:

- hurricane worthiness (a new home that will withstand a Cat 1 storm is far better than a mobile home/old frame 'shack)
- land use requirements (near-zero lot line single family/duplex homes make for a better family home than an apt)
- 'standard' construction minimums (an example is a home with 7.5 foot ceilings, or one bath with three bedrooms)

May the God who cares for all who have been created in His image guide you and give you success in all efforts that will improve the lives of 'the least of these' in our midst.

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