



Talking Points for your Delegation Meeting

(If you only have a minute to speak, you can use this quick outline)

- Hello. My name is _____. I am a resident and voter in _____ county.
- First, I want to thank you for supporting the appropriation of housing trust fund money for Florida's affordable housing programs last session.
- Now I want to ask you to use ALL of the available housing trust funds this coming session for Florida's affordable housing programs. Thank you.
- By using the housing trust fund money for housing, you made an enormous positive impact on Florida's economy as well as meeting the severe housing needs in our community.
- The Sadowski Coalition comprised of 30 statewide organizations including business interests such as the Florida Chamber of Commerce, industry groups such as the Florida Realtors and the Florida Home Builders Association, low income advocates such as the Florida Housing Coalition, and religious organizations, such as Florida Catholic Conference and Habitat for Humanity are all calling for the Florida Legislature to use all the available housing trust fund monies for Florida's affordable housing programs, such as SHIP and SAIL.
- This year the estimate of housing trust fund monies available for appropriation to Florida's housing programs is \$323.9 million.
- If this money is used solely for affordable housing (not used for other purposes) it will generate over \$4.6 billion in positive economic benefit for our state creating more than 32,000 jobs and providing housing for over 68,000 people.
(These numbers are generated by the University of Florida's Extension Scientist Dr. Alan W. Hodges, Ph.D.)
- In our community of _____ alone, our SHIP funding will be \$_____.
- We need these funds for everything from ending homelessness to getting families into first time homeownership. We need these funds here at home. Home Matters. It matters to me, to our community, and to every constituency in the state.
- Thank you for taking this message to Tallahassee.

(Find your local information on www.SadowskiCoalition.org under the Resources tab)