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**CONGRESSMAN CHAKA FATTAH RECOGNIZED FOR HIS CAREER-LONG  
SUPPORT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ISSUES**

*Congressman is honored with PHFA's Award of Excellence*

Harrisburg, Pa. – U.S. Representative Chaka Fattah today was honored by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency with its Award of Excellence, bestowed in recognition of his support on affordable housing issues throughout his distinguished career.

“Congressman Fattah has long been recognized as one of the creators and early supporters of the state’s Homeowners’ Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP),” said PHFA Executive Director and CEO Brian A. Hudson Sr. “Over its 29-year life, HEMAP has helped more than 45,300 Pennsylvania families save their homes from foreclosure. For his leadership on the initiation of HEMAP, and his support for affordable housing programs during his legislative career, we honor Congressman Fattah with this special award.”

Congressman Fattah was a state legislator in 1983 when HEMAP was first created. He is widely credited as one of the initiators of the program, which has since become a national model for effective foreclosure prevention, saving families’ homes and preserving the vitality of communities.

Congressman Fattah said, “Leadership and advocacy for affordable housing has been a hallmark of my career in Harrisburg and Washington. Launching HEMAP as a young legislator, and seeing the program assist tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians to realize the American dream of homeownership for almost three decades, is one of my proudest achievements.

“It is an honor to receive PHFA’s Award of Excellence, and to accept it from Brian Hudson, a genuine hero for the terrific job he’s done administering HEMAP and other affordable housing programs.”

Today’s award was presented during an event conducted by the agency to celebrate the excellent work done by its network of counseling agencies located around the state that educate Pennsylvanians about homebuying and foreclosure issues.

Congressman Fattah, who has represented Pennsylvania’s second district since 1994, is well known for his support of issues helping working class families. He is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for setting spending priorities for more than \$1 trillion in annual discretionary funds.

Congressman Fattah also is the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies, which oversees close to \$51 billion in discretionary spending, including the Commerce and Justice departments, NASA, NOAA and the National Science

Foundation. Additionally, he is chair of the Congressional Urban Caucus, a bipartisan group of 47 members who work collaboratively to address the unique challenges facing America's urban communities.

Prior to his election as a U.S. representative for the state of Pennsylvania, Congressman Fattah served six years as a representative in the state House followed by six years as a state senator. In May 1986, he earned a Master's degree in governmental administration from the University of Pennsylvania's Fels Center of Government. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including 10 honorary doctorates.

#### About PHFA

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency works to provide affordable homeownership and rental apartment options for older adults, low- and moderate-income families, and people with special housing needs. Through its carefully managed mortgage programs and investments in multifamily housing developments, PHFA also promotes economic development across the state. Since its creation by the legislature in 1972, it has generated \$10.7 billion of funding for more than 149,200 single-family home mortgage loans and 83,000 rental units, while saving the homes of more than 45,350 families from foreclosure. PHFA programs and operations are funded primarily by the sale of securities, not by public tax dollars. PHFA is governed by a 14-member board.

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