The Fuller Center for Housing

Building on Higher Ground

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Dear friends,

I'm writing on behalf of The Fuller Center for Housing, an enterprise you may not be familiar with. I'm told that when people learn about us and the good work we do they tend to like it, so allow me to tell you a little about who we are.

The Fuller Center for Housing is an ecumenical Christian, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing. We were founded in 2005 by Millard Fuller, who also founded Koinonia's Partnership Housing and Habitat for Humanity. During his 40-year quest to make decent shelter a reality for all, Millard made homes for more than 300,000 families around the world.

The Fuller Center works *with*, not *for*, families in need — families who have no other access to capital. Partner families contribute sweat equity in the construction or rehabilitation of their home and pay the costs on terms they can afford, over time and with no profit made nor interest charged.

We are a grass-roots organization with 60 covenant partners (affiliates) across the country. These local groups raise their own funds, select partner families, oversee construction and collect the purchase payments, which are kept in their community to provide decent housing for others.

Most of our work through the years has been in new house construction. With the current housing situation, though, it makes more sense to restore some of the millions of vacant houses in America and turn them back into homes. On one hand we have houses falling into decay, and on the other families living in terrible conditions. What could be more practical than putting the two together?

To do this, we are seeking partnerships with folks like you. We think that this initiative can serve your needs by relieving you of non-performing assets and providing a great opportunity for some positive press. There are many winners in this — you, of course, along with the communities that are spared the blight of decaying neighborhoods, and most of all the new homeowner families who have the security of owning a home they can truly afford.

We're ready to get started. All we need are some vacant houses and a little cash to make any needed repairs. We'd very much like to partner with you in this creative initiative.

In exciting partnership,

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