Government affairs update for the week of September 14, 2025

Meanwhile, in Washington DC. . .

Increased cooperation between several federal agencies may help solve housing supply issues.

According to the National Association of REALTORS (NAR), members of the bi-partisan Real Estate Caucus introduced legislation this week to increase communication between the Housing and Urban Development, Agriculture, Veterans Affairs and Treasury departments and the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

HR 5387, the Saving the American Dream Act will require each of those federal entities to communicate on a regular basis about housing issues including federal housing finance programs, lowering mortgage origination and servicing costs, lowering housing construction costs, increasing insurance availability, creating down payment assistance and transaction incentives, and increasing disaster resilience and housing recovery.

NAR said the legislation will address persistent barriers in the housing market.

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If you have any questions about Bay East advocacy activities or any government-related real estate issues you want Bay East to research, contact David Stark, Bay East Chief Public Affairs and Communications Officer.