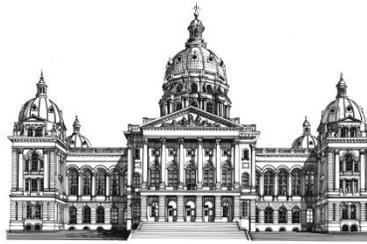


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HousingIowa Award Selection Panel
c/o Elizabeth Christenson
Iowa Finance Authority
1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200
Des Moines, IA 50315

Re: Legislative Friend of Housing Award Nomination – Senator Mark Lofgren

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to submit Iowa Senator Mark Lofgren for nomination for the HousingIowa Legislative Friend of Housing Award.

Senator Lofgren has been a tireless advocate for innovative housing legislation. As a realtor and a legislator, he has seen first-hand the need for affordable housing, and then put his ideas into action. In 2018, Mark spearheaded a program with the Iowa Councils of Governments to work with inmates at the Newton Correctional Facility to build affordable homes in Iowa.

In 2018, Senator Lofgren was asked to serve as an ex-officio member of the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Task Force where he worked on improving workforce housing initiatives. Throughout Marks tenure in the Iowa Senate, he has introduced and worked on legislation to address housing needs throughout communities in the state.

Working on unique solutions to increase opportunity for Iowans to have access to affordable housing, is a cornerstone of Mark's legislative achievements. Senator Mark Lofgren is an ideal candidate for the Legislative Friend of Housing Award and I am proud to submit his nomination.

Thank you for considering Senator Mark Lofgren for the Legislative Friend of Housing Award. I believe earning such distinction would be well-deserved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Whitver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jack Whitver
Iowa Senate Majority Leader