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My U.S. House of Representative is Democrat Ritchie Torres and currently is serving in the Committee on Financial Services and the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party. And he also serves on the Subcommittees on Housing, Community Development, Insurance, and Consumer Protection, and Financial Institution, Subcommittees on National Security, International Development and Monetary Policy. Rep. Ritchie Torres along with Rep. Jimmy Gomez from California introduced a new legislation called The Stable Families Act and this bill was introduced to provide an emergency assistance to low-income individuals and families from being evicted from their homes. He is also co-sponsoring with Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro in the American Family Act in this bill it was introduced to allow the child tax credit to be increased as there has been inflation and the cost of living is raising higher for low-income individuals and families which they can use the increase for means necessary.

My Rep. Ritchie Torres is working towards in making the communities better, I see how passionate he is for public housing as he grew up in the Bronx and was raised by his single mother along with his other two siblings. His mother worked and earned a salary of \$4.25 an hour that was the minimum in the 1990's and Ritchie feels that if his mother didn't have the assistance while living in public housing he wouldn't be where he is today. He strongly feels that there needs to be more affordable housing for individuals and families in all the communities that he represents as there are many people who in need of housing. In Rep. Ritchie Torres is co-

sponsoring the Ending Homelessness Act of 2021 and Public Procurement Improvement Act of 2021, these bills will provide the funding the expansion of voucher programs, and to federally fund housing to low-income housing projects.

I feel that my Rep. Ritchie Torres has been using his time in other areas mentioned in his website as he has been sponsoring and co-sponsoring. Again, in his website it is shown in the press on how he devoted on the issues such as Education, Health, LGBTQ+ Rights, Rebuilding the Economy, Transportation, and other that are mentioned in his website. He was able to accomplish his first bill passed in the House in fighting for the LGBTQ+ community. The bill that was passed is the LGBTQ+ Business Equal Credit Enforcement and Investment Act. The financial institutions have to report the data regarding the LGBTQ owned businesses.

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