

## HR 5072

A Just Society: A Place to Prosper Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Housing and Community Development

**Introduced:** Nov 13, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Dec 18, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5072>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Nov 13, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 13, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 18, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 14, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

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This bill addresses housing affordability, access, security, and safety.

For example, the bill specifies that landlords that own more than five residential properties or more than two manufactured housing parks (1) may not raise rent by more than a certain percentage; (2) may evict tenants only for specified reasons, such as for missing rent for two or more consecutive months; and (3) must keep units in good repair.

The bill also prohibits a large-scale landlord or a landlord the Department of Housing and Development (HUD) has found to have committed certain acts, such as repeated evictions without cause, from purchasing a federally supported mortgage or mortgage-backed security or obtaining federally provided mortgage insurance.

The bill allows nonresident aliens to receive HUD housing assistance. The bill also prohibits discrimination based on an individual's source of income in the sale or rental of housing and other related real estate transactions.

Additionally, HUD may award grants for states and local governments to establish a right to counsel for tenants in eviction proceedings. The bill also authorizes additional grants and activities to evaluate and reduce lead and other hazards in housing.

The bill also (1) increases the federal share of costs for state highway projects in jurisdictions with laws or regulations that encourage equitable growth, and (2) decreases the federal share for projects in jurisdictions with laws or regulations that discourage equitable growth.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 18, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Dec 5, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H9284)
- **Nov 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Nov 13, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 13, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.