

NATIONAL MONTH FOR RENTERS

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Washington, DC – With recent data showing that 25 million Americans, including nine million children, face housing insecurity each year, Make Room Inc. will shine a spotlight on the critical issue of struggling renters and affordable housing in America at a press conference on Tuesday, September 12, on Capitol Hill. The event will highlight bipartisan House Resolution 475, designating September 2017 as “National Month for Renters.”

House resolution cosponsors **Reps. Bruce Poliquin (R-ME)** and **Denny Heck (D-WA)** will participate in the press event to shed light on the eleven million households nationwide that spend more than half of their income just on rent, while making sacrifices such as forgoing food, healthcare, and other necessities.

Senators Bill Cassidy (R-LA) and **Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)** will introduce a companion resolution in the Senate this week.

Rising country music star Kane Brown, who recently partnered with Make Room, will also speak at the press conference and participate in a Congressional briefing with families impacted by the current rental housing crisis. The goal of the briefing is to humanize the issue, reinforce the importance of placing affordable rental housing on the national agenda, and advocate for bold solutions that will end housing insecurity.

What: Press Conference Highlighting “National Month for Renters”

and Congressional Briefing on Rental Housing Crisis in America

Who: Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-ME)

Rep. Denny Heck (D-WA)

Kane Brown, Rising Country Music Star

Ali Solis, Make Room Inc. President and CEO

When: Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017

Press Conference: 12:45 pm (Press call time 12:30 p.m.)

Congressional Briefing: 1:30 pm

Where: Senate Dirksen Building, Room SD-106,

1st Street and Constitution Avenue, NE, entrance

1:1 interviews available with Members of Congress,
Kane Brown and Make Room, Inc. CEO Ali Solis

“When I was younger, my mom and I lived in a car because we didn’t have anywhere to go. After graduating from high school, even though I was working, I didn’t have enough money to pay rent so I stayed with my Nana,” Kane Brown revealed. “I’m proud to partner with Make Room to help other people who have been in similar housing situations. I just want people to know that they can make it through hard times like I did.”

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