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## **Capital Analysis of the Proposed Middle-Income Housing Tax Credit.**

Novogradac conducted capital analysis at the request of Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden that looks at the effect of enacting the proposed middle-income housing tax credit (MIHTC) on financing affordable rental housing for households earning just above the low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC) income limits. In addition to a pool of tax credit authority allocated to states, this analysis also examines the potential of a separate pool of tax credits that would be generated by the allocation of tax-exempt private activity bonds (PABs) and could be used in conjunction with the 4% LIHTC.

### **Reducing the Need for Soft Financing**

“Soft” subsidies are funds and grants that are available from government sources or other lenders used to fill the financing gap between what is needed to develop the property and what the property can receive in equity and supportable debt. This free report examines how enacting a MIHTC, to be used with LIHTC and PABs, would enable developers to finance properties in a variety of markets with less additional soft financing to fill the financing gaps, making it easier to address the severe affordable rental housing shortage in the United States.

### **Increasing the Amount of Affordable Housing**

The proposed tax credit is intended to significantly jump-start affordable rental housing financing and reduce the tremendous deficit in the supply of affordable rental housing for more renters earning a little more than the traditional LIHTC income-targeting threshold nationwide.

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