Like many other parts of the country, Utah’s growth has resulted in significant housing affordability challenges. Combatting housing affordability issues in the state will require holistic solutions that address the needs of all Utah residents.

Utah is home to over 3 million people. More than 295,000 Utahns call an apartment home, with demand on the rise. 71% of extremely low-income renters spend more than half of their income on housing. Between now and 2030, Utah will need to build 3,000 new apartment homes each year to keep up with demand.

Legal Landscape

The state of Utah preempts local municipalities from implementing rent control. According to Utah legislation, “A county, city, or town may not enact an ordinance or resolution that would control rents or fees on private residential property unless it has the express approval of the Legislature.”

CONTINUE PREEMPTION
Rent control is an outdated concept. It benefits the very few.

REJECT PRICE CONTROLS
Lawmakers should reject price controls and, instead, pursue alternatives such as voucher-based rental assistance for those in greatest need to better address housing affordability.

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