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The Honorable Ted Lieu
Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, California
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As a computer science major, I'm impressed with how large this AI-generated crowd looks tonight!

I first got to know Kamala Harris during the Great Recession, when millions of hardworking families were facing foreclosure. My constituents told me stories about predatory and unfair loan terms—and about how they were fighting so hard to keep the homes they loved. Thankfully, those families had someone fighting just as hard for them: Attorney General Kamala Harris.

She led an investigation of the mortgage industry to root out fraud. She helped pass the Homeowner Bill of Rights and held the big banks accountable—bringing \$20 billion back to homeowners. Since those days, I've seen her continue to fight for affordable housing as vice president. And as president, she's going to cut red tape so we can build more houses, give new homeowners \$25,000 for a downpayment, and take on corporations that unfairly hike up rent.

Kamala Harris fights for affordable housing because she gets it. When her mom was left to raise two girls, her mom did what so many parents do: work early hours and late nights, pay the bills, and put on a brave face so her girls didn't know how hard it really was.

It shouldn't be that hard. And President Kamala Harris will make sure it's not. She'll fight to lower housing costs, so that everyone, everywhere, can find a place to call home.

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