



## **Kansas Congressman Jerry Moran Introduces Legislation to Extend and Expand the \$8,000 First-Time Homebuyers' Tax Credit**

Earlier this month, Kansas Congressman Jerry Moran (R – 1<sup>st</sup> District) introduced legislation to extend and expand the \$8,000 first-time homebuyers' tax credit. Although Congress is not expected to act on an extension of the credit until later this year, Congressman Moran has demonstrated his commitment to strengthening the housing market and supporting REALTORS® with the introduction of this legislation.

### **Summary of the Legislation**

This legislation (**H.R. 2905**) would expand the \$8,000 first-time homebuyers' tax credit to all buyers of a principal residence, extend the credit for two additional years to the end of 2011 and eliminate the repayment of the \$7,500 credit for purchases made in 2008. The passage of these provisions would be a huge boost to the strength and stability of the housing market.

In mid-May, a group of REALTORS® met with Congressman Moran to share our concerns about the housing market and expiration of the first-time homebuyers' tax credit. In response to the discussions that took place during that meeting, Congressman Moran took it upon his own initiative to introduce this important legislation.

Even though this legislation is only one of the many proposals that has been introduced in Congress on this issue, we applaud Congressman Moran for his commitment to the future of the housing market and real estate industry. This legislation is one important piece of the enormous effort it will take to convince Congress to extend and expand the first-time homebuyers' tax credit later this year.

### **What the Homebuyers' Tax Credit Means for REALTORS®**

According to previous estimates, this legislation could lead to an additional 700,000 home sales in 2010. If we are unable to pass legislation that extends and expands the homebuyers' tax credit later this year, this credit will expire on December 1, 2009. Once the existing first-time homebuyers' tax credit expires, we may see an immediate decrease in the number of first-time homebuyers' participating in the housing market.

If we fail in our efforts to get the homebuyers' tax credit extended and expanded, then we will only have ourselves to blame. We desperately need your support over the next year to help us build the necessary momentum to extend and expand the homebuyers' tax credit.

### **More Information**

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