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Legislative Action Day 2014 Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Eric Belsky



The Coalition is excited that Dr. Eric Belsky, Managing Director of the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies and a Lecturer in Urban Planning and Design at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, will be our keynote speaker for Legislative Action Day 2014. The event will be held on Thursday, February 27th starting at 9 a.m. in the Great Hall of the State House, and is open to the public.

Prior to his Harvard appointments, Dr. Belsky led the Housing Finance and Credit Analysis Group at Price Waterhouse LLP. He has also held the positions of Director of Housing Finance Research at Fannie Mae, Senior Economist at the National Association of Home Builders, and Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Dr. Belsky currently serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Housing Research and Housing Policy Debate, the board of the Opportunity Finance Network, the Affordable Housing Advisory Council of Fannie Mae, and the National Advisory Council of CredAbility. In 2001 and 2002, Dr. Belsky also served as Research Director for the bipartisan

Millennial Housing Commission established by the Congress of the United States.

Dr. Belsky has extensive experience conducting research on housing markets, housing finance, and housing policy. He has published numerous articles in trade publications and academic journals. He has co-edited five books: *Low-Income Homeownership: Examining the Unexamined Goal* (2002), *Building Assets, Building Credit: Creating Wealth in Low-Income Communities* (2005), *Revisiting Rental Housing* (2008), *Borrowing to Live: Consumer and Mortgage Credit Revisited* (2008), and *Moving Forward: The Future of Consumer Credit and Mortgage Finance* (2011).

Please join us on February 27th to hear Dr. Belsky speak about the Center's December 2013 report, *America's Rental Housing*. The report is available online at <http://www.ichs.harvard.edu/americas-rental-housing>.

For more details on Legislative Action Day and to register to attend, please go to <http://www.mahomeless.org/mch-events/2013-02-12-00-05-38> or contact Kelly Turley, Director of Legislative Advocacy, at kelly@mahomeless.org or 781-595-7570 x17.