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The Honorable Michael Crapo
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Banking,
Housing, and Urban Affairs
239 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Banking,
Housing, and Urban Affairs
713 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Crapo and Ranking Member Brown:

The more than 1.2 million members of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) strongly support the nomination of Pam Patenaude as Deputy Secretary for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Her experience and expertise will greatly benefit the Department and the American people.

Ms. Patenaude's familiarity with the policy arena and with housing specifically makes her an outstanding choice for this position. Her years of public service, both at HUD and in the nonprofit sector have shown her dedication to the housing industry and her vast knowledge that will serve us all well at HUD. She has consistently engaged in the issues and is willing to work in a bipartisan fashion to find solutions to our nation's housing problems.

Ms. Patenaude began her career at the New Hampshire Housing Authority, so she has a great understanding of how state and local housing issues are impacted by federal policy. She also has knowledge of the successful use of public-private partnerships to help resolve the lack of affordable housing in many communities, something that Secretary Carson has singled out as a priority.

NAR asks for your swift confirmation of Pam Patenaude as Deputy Secretary of HUD, and looks forward to working with her to obtain decent, safe, affordable housing for all our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'William E. Brown'.

William E. Brown
2017 President, National Association of REALTORS®

cc: U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs



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