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Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the National Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup> (NAR), I am writing to express our full support for the nomination of Kathleen L. Casey, as a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

For more than a decade, Ms. Casey has served in various key positions in Chairman Shelby's personal office and the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. Her breadth of experience in public policy and knowledge about the financial issues distinguishes herself for the Securities and Exchange Commission. The NAR recognizes Ms. Casey for her high caliber of professionalism and integrity, particularly dealing with sensitive financial policies that have wide-reaching impact on our economy.

As you know, the Securities and Exchange Commission is charged with protecting investors, maintaining fair, orderly, and efficient markets, and facilitating capital formation. NAR has no doubt that Ms. Casey will vigorously enforce the laws that ensure the integrity of the capital markets and financial exchanges and swiftly respond to allegations of corporate corruption.

We need the right people in important positions in the Administration to ensure that Americans trust our financial markets, have confidence in the economy and support our free enterprise system. Ms. Casey is the right person for this position and will do an excellent job strengthening the public's trust of our markets and our corporations.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Stevens, CRB, CRS, GRI 2006 President, National Association of REALTORS®

